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One Man Killed and Another Fatally Hurt by a Railroad Train.

Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 11.—In the presence of fifty shocked spectators and within a few rods of them, Patrick Ryan and Hugh Burns, two old and prominent farmers of Pembina county, were thrown from their buggy by a Great Northern train from Neche during the afternoon. Burns was instantly killed and Ryan sustained fatal injuries.

The accident occurred at Bathgate as the train was running into the depot. The men had been in the village and were on their way home. The day was cold and the men had wrapped themselves up warmly in robes and fur coats and had settled back into the shelter of their buggy, the top of which was raised. They drove across the track just as the train was coming in. It is presumed that they were so wrapped up that they did not hear its approach. The crowd on the depot platform saw their danger and tried to warn them, but too late.

The team crossed the tracks in safety. The buggy was squarely across the track when it was struck in the middle by the pilot of the engine. The buggy was shattered and the men thrown out. Burns was hurled some distance and struck against a telegraph pole. He was dead when picked up. Ryan was partly thrown and partly dragged for several rods and was so mangled that his death is expected at any moment. Both men were married. Burns leaves a wife and three children, and Ryan a wife and nine children.

CANNOT FIND THE OWNERS.

Stockmen on a Spree Hand a St. Joseph (Mo.) Man \$6,000.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 11.—James Kirkbride, a resident of South St. Jo-

seph, is the custodian of a roll of bills amounting to \$6,000 which was given him Tuesday night by two stockmen who said they were from South Dakota. The men had been drinking, and because Kirkbride gave them some wholesome advice in the hope that they would not fall into evil hands and be robbed, the strangers thrust into his hands the roll of bills and insisted that he keep it. During the day Kirkbride made inquiries at the stock yards for the owners of the money, but they could not be found.

ONE BANDIT KILLED.

Attempt to Rob a Bank at De Kalb, Tex., Fails.

De Kalb, Tex., Dec. 11.—A daring and fatal attempt to rob the bank here was made by four men early in the day. Over the bank is the local telephone exchange, operated by W. J. Dodd and his son, Marvin W. Dodd. One of the robbers kicked at the telephone exchange door, and when Marvin W. Dodd responded a pistol was pointed at his head. Young Dodd grappled with the man, wrested the weapon from him and with it shot and killed the bandit. A fusillade followed and young Dodd was shot twice, but not seriously wounded. The three surviving bandits escaped.

GENERAL STRIKE LIKELY.

Situation at Marseilles Rapidly Growing Worse.

Marseilles, Dec. 11.—The situation at this port is rapidly growing worse. The syndicate of ship owners has declined the arbitration proposed by the government through Admiral Bouvier, which was also rejected by the strikers. A number of local trade organizations are taking steps to bring about a general strike.

WILD NIGHT IN CARACAS

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Willemstad, Curacao, Dec. 11.—There was a great patriotic demonstration in Caracas at 8 o'clock Tuesday night, when the news arrived that the British and German warships had seized the Venezuelan war vessels at La Guaira. Crowds quickly gathered and paraded the streets and squares of the capital, displaying banners and singing patriotic songs. Violent speeches were delivered at various points. The populace marched to the palace of President Castro, who addressed it. The mob then moved on to the German legation, shouting, "Death to the Germans." The windows were shattered with stones and attempts made to force the doors, but the latter resisted these efforts and Mme. von Pilgrim-Baltazzi, the wife of the German charge d'affaires, who has been ill in bed for the past two months and therefore could not leave Caracas with her husband, was thus saved from violence. The crowd then marched to the residence of Dr. Koehler, again stoning the windows and attempting to force an entrance. The police made no effort to disperse the demonstration.

The excitement was still intense when, at 10 o'clock at night, the government ordered the arrest of all the German and English residents. One hour later 265 persons prominent in social and commercial life were crowded together in the police station. At the British residents were arrested except Albert Cherry of the Venezuela British-owned Central railway, and Mr. Wallace, manager of the telephone company, who escaped to a place of safety.

German Consul Arrested.

Ninety-seven German residents were arrested, among them the German consul, Valentin Blohm and Herr Knoop, the manager of the German Central railway. Herr Sinnmoss, chancellor of the German legation, was met by the police near Bolivar square and arrested.

Amid cries of "Death to Germans" and "Down With the Foreigners," the populace directed its way to the German residential quarter and gathered outside the Hotel Klindt and the German club, vociferating and uttering insults. The Belgian charge d'affaires, F. J. S. Goffart, was arrested by mistake for a German because of his fair complexion. In spite of his vigorous protests he was taken to the police station, but released ten minutes later.

On learning of these incidents, United States Minister Bowen and Secretary W. W. Russell went at once to see President Castro, and after a long conference succeeded in obtaining the release of Dr. Koehler, Mme. von Pilgrim-Baltazzi's physician, and Consul Valentin Blohm. Minister Bowen also obtained the official authorization of

the Venezuelan government to represent British and German interests during the imbroglio.

The government has placed an embargo on the British railroad to La Guaira and on the German Central railroad from Caracas to Valencia.

The populace is still intensely excited and the situation is regarded as critical. The British and German flags have been publicly burned.

HEBER REGINALD BISHOP DEAD.

Was One of the Organizers of Iron Properties Near Duluth.

New York, Dec. 11.—Heber Reginald Bishop, retired merchant and banker, died at his residence here during the night after a lingering illness. Mr. Bishop was born in Medford, Mass., in 1840, and came of an old Massachusetts family of English descent. He received his first business training in Boston and when still a young man established the great sugar refining and exporting house of Bishop & Co., at Remedios, Cuba. Later he turned his attention to Western interests and became a director in the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha, the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, and the Duluth and Iron Range railroads. He also was one of the organizers of the iron properties in the vicinity of Duluth. Mr. Bishop was many times a millionaire. He recently presented to the Metropolitan Museum of Art the finest collection in the world of jades, valued at \$750,000.

CHOICE RELIC FOR MINNESOTA.

Historical Society to Have the Wheel of the Frigate Minneapolis.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Representative Fred Stevens says he will see the speaker and get a date set for the consideration very soon of the bill to present the old steering wheel of the frigate Minneapolis to the Minnesota State Historical society. The bill has passed the senate and been favorably reported by the house naval committee. It only remains now to get the consent of the speaker to a vote.

The wheel of the historic old frigate is now at the Boston navy yard. The rest of the ship was sold for old junk, but this trophy, by order of the department, was reserved from the auction.

Insult Results in Murder.

Ottumwa, Ia., Dec. 11.—Frank Williams, aged thirty, stabbed and killed William Slater, aged forty-five, because of an insult offered the former's wife by the latter.

HAS BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS.

Industrial Department Conference of Civic Federation Adjourns.

New York, Dec. 11.—The annual conference of the industrial department of the National Civic Federation, which has been in session for three days, was brought to a close during the day. Interest to the last was unabated, the hall being crowded to its utmost capacity. The final subject of discussion was "Industrial Agreements," in which many of the most prominent delegates took part.

While no definite results were reached, the executive committee being empowered to appoint a special committee to review and report on the subjects discussed, it was the generally expressed opinion of the delegates that the conference had been a great success. Semi-annual meetings will be held in future.

Mammoth Silk Cargo.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 11.—The steamer Empress of India, which arrived during the morning from the Orient, had the largest silk cargo ever brought across the Pacific, 3,100 bales, valued at over \$2,000,000.

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WILD NIGHT IN CARACAS

GREAT PATRIOTIC DEMONSTRATION OVER SEIZURE OF VENEZUELAN WARSHIPS.

"DEATH TO THE GERMANS"

Mob Indulges in Wild Cries and Breaks Windows of German Legation and Consulate—While the Excitement is at Its Highest Pitch the Arrest of Two Hundred and Five Anglo-German Residents Takes Place.

Willemstad, Curacao, Dec. 11.—There was a great patriotic demonstration in Caracas at 8 o'clock Tuesday night, when the news arrived that the British and German warships had seized the Venezuelan war vessels at La Guaira. Crowds quickly gathered and paraded the streets and squares of the capital, displaying banners and singing patriotic songs. Violent speeches were delivered at various points. The populace marched to the palace of President Castro, who addressed it. The mob then moved on to the German legation, shouting, "Death to the Germans." The windows were shattered with stones and attempts made to force the doors, but the latter resisted these efforts and Mme. von Pilgrim-Baltazzi, the wife of the German charge d'affaires, who has been ill in bed for the past two months and therefore could not leave Caracas with her husband, was thus saved from violence. The crowd then marched to the German consulate and to the residence of Dr. Koehler, again stoning the windows and attempting to force an entrance. The police made no effort to disperse the demonstration.

The excitement was still intense when, at 10 o'clock at night, the government ordered the arrest of all the German and English residents. One hour later 265 persons prominent in social and commercial life were crowded together in the police station. At the British residents were arrested except Albert Cherry of the Venezuela British-owned Central railway, and Mr. Wallace, manager of the telephone company, who escaped to a place of safety.

German Consul Arrested.

Ninety-seven German residents were arrested, among them the German consul, Valentin Blohm and Herr Knoop, the manager of the German Central railway. Herr Simms, chancellor of the German legation, was met by the police near Bolivar square and also arrested.

Amid cries of "Death to Germans" and "Down With the Foreigners," the populace directed its way to the German residential quarter and gathered outside the Hotel Klindt and the German club, vociferating and uttering insults. The Belgian charge d'affaires, F. J. S. Goffart, was arrested by mistake for a German because of his fair complexion. In spite of his vigorous protests he was taken to the police station, but released ten minutes later.

On learning of these incidents, United States Minister Bowen and Secretary W. W. Russell went at once to see President Castro, and after a long conference succeeded in obtaining the release of Dr. Koehler, Mme. von Pilgrim-Baltazzi's physician, and Consul Valentin Blohm. Minister Bowen also obtained the official authorization of

the Venezuelan government to represent British and German interests during the imbroglio.

The government has placed an embargo on the British railroad to La Guaira and on the German Central railroad from Caracas to Valencia.

The populace is still intensely excited and the situation is regarded as critical. The British and German flags have been publicly burned.

HEBER REGINALD BISHOP DEAD.

Was One of the Organizers of Iron Properties Near Duluth.

New York, Dec. 11.—Heber Reginald Bishop, retired merchant and banker, died at his residence here during the night after a lingering illness. Mr. Bishop was born in Medford, Mass., in 1840, and came of an old Massachusetts family of English descent. He received his first business training in Boston and when still a young man established the great sugar refining and exporting house of Bishop & Co., at Remedios, Cuba. Later he turned his attention to Western interests and became a director in the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha, the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, and the Duluth and Iron Range railroads. He also was one of the organizers of the iron properties in the vicinity of Duluth. Mr. Bishop was many times a millionaire. He recently presented to the Metropolitan Museum of Art the finest collection in the world of jades, valued at \$750,000.

CHOICE RELIC FOR MINNESOTA.

Historical Society to Have the Wheel of the Frigate Minneapolis.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Representative Fred Stevens says he will see the speaker and get a date set for the consideration very soon of the bill to present the old steering wheel of the frigate Minneapolis to the Minnesota State Historical society. The bill has passed the senate and been favorably reported by the house naval committee. It only remains now to get the consent of the speaker to a vote.

The wheel of the historic old frigate is now at the Boston navy yard. The rest of the ship was sold for old junk, but this trophy, by order of the department, was reserved from the auction.

Insult Results in Murder.

Ottumwa, Ia., Dec. 11.—Frank Williams, aged thirty, stabbed and killed William Slater, aged forty-five, because of an insult offered the former's wife by the latter.

HAS BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS.

Industrial Department Conference of Civic Federation Adjourns.

New York, Dec. 11.—The annual conference of the industrial department of the National Civic Federation, which has been in session for three days, was brought to a close during the day. Interest to the last was unabated, the hall being crowded to its utmost capacity. The final subject of discussion was "Industrial Agreements," in which many of the most prominent delegates took part.

While no definite results were reached, the executive committee being empowered to appoint a special committee to review and report on the subjects discussed. It was the generally expressed opinion of the delegates that the conference had been a great success. Semi-annual meetings will be held in future.

Mammoth Silk Cargo.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 11.—The steamer Empress of India, which arrived during the morning from the Orient, had the largest silk cargo ever brought across the Pacific, 3,100 bales, valued at over \$2,000,000.

DEATH TO NORTH DAKOTANS.

One Man Killed and Another Fatally Hurt by a Railroad Train.

Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 11.—In the presence of fifty shocked spectators and within a few rods of them, Patrick Ryan and Hugh Burns, two old and prominent farmers of Pembina county, were thrown from their buggy by a Great Northern train from Neche during the afternoon. Burns was instantly killed and Ryan sustained fatal injuries.

The accident occurred at Bathgate as the train was running into the depot. The men had been in the village and were on their way home. The day was cold and the men had wrapped themselves up warmly in robes and fur coats and had settled back into the shelter of their buggy, the top of which was raised. They drove across the track just as the train was coming in. It is presumed that they were so wrapped up that they did not hear its approach. The crowd on the depot platform saw their danger and tried to warn them, but too late.

The team crossed the tracks in safety. The buggy was squarely across the track when it was struck in the middle by the pilot of the engine. The buggy was shattered and the men thrown out. Burns was hurled some distance and struck against a telegraph pole. He was dead when picked up. Ryan was partly thrown and partly dragged for several rods and was so mangled that his death is expected at any moment. Both men were married. Burns leaves a wife and three children, and Ryan a wife and nine children.

CANNOT FIND THE OWNERS.

Stockmen on a Spree Hand a St. Joseph (Mo.) Man \$6,000.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 11.—James Kirkbride, a resident of South St. Jo-

seph, is the custodian of a roll of bills amounting to \$6,000 which was given him Tuesday night by two stockmen who said they were from South Dakota. The men had been drinking, and because Kirkbride gave them some wholesome advice in the hope that they would not fall into evil hands and be robbed, the strangers thrust into his hands the roll of bills and insisted that he keep it. During the day Kirkbride made inquiries at the stock yards for the owners of the money, but they could not be found.

ONE BANDIT KILLED.

Attempt to Rob a Bank at De Kalb, Tex., Fails.

De Kalb, Tex., Dec. 11.—A daring and fatal attempt to rob the bank here was made by four men early in the day. Over the bank is the local telephone exchange, operated by W. J. Dodd and his son, Marvin W. Dodd. One of the robbers kicked at the telephone exchange door, and when Marvin W. Dodd responded a pistol was pointed at his head. Young Dodd grappled with the man, wrenched the weapon from him and with it shot and killed the bandit. A fusillade followed and young Dodd was shot twice, but not seriously wounded. The three surviving bandits escaped.

GENERAL STRIKE LIKELY.

Situation at Marseilles Rapidly Growing Worse.

Marseilles, Dec. 11.—The situation at this port is rapidly growing worse. The syndicate of ship owners has declined the arbitration proposed by the government through Admiral Bouvier, which was also rejected by the strikers. A number of local trade organizations are taking steps to bring about a general strike.

REMINISCENCES OF REED

Stories Which Made the Ex-Speaker Famous as a Wit.

AN INTERVIEWER'S EXPERIENCE.

Maine Statesman's Fun at the Expense of Correspondent Who Sought to Interview Him—Opinion of His Own Portrait—How He Met His Match in an Old Curiosity Shop Keeper—One of His Oddities.

It is probable that no American has in recent years so nearly approached to the old ideal of a "wit" in the sense that Theodore Hook and Sydney Smith were wits as the late Thomas Brackett Reed, the ex-speaker of the house of representatives. His casual epigrams were telegraphed all over the country as matters of news, and just as the casual sayings of Hook, Smith and Charles Lamb are classics today so Mr. Reed's sayings will probably long continue to be remembered, says a Washington special to the New York Times. His last known utterance of this kind was made in Washington just before his last illness. It summed up the anti-trust agitation from his standpoint. He was talking with one of the house leaders about the anti-trust programme, and the leader asked him what he thought was to be done.

"You have a golden opportunity," replied Mr. Reed in his worst drawl. "An indefinable something is to be done in a way nobody knows how and at a time nobody knows when. That, as I understand it, is the programme against the trusts. The opportunity is so broad I should think you could not miss it."

Not long ago Mr. Reed was in Washington to appear before the supreme court. He arrived before the court did and had to wait. There were a good many other onlookers and lawyers in the same predicament, and some of them began to manifest impatience. Finally one of them, who knew Mr. Reed, leaned over to him and said:

"Mr. Speaker, can't you count a quorum?"

A look of offended surprise came over the ex-speaker's round face. "Sir," said he in tones of stern rebuke, "you forget that when I count a quorum there always was a quorum."

One of Mr. Reed's visits to Washington was made just after the withdrawal of his successor, Speaker Henderson, from the congressional race in Iowa. A newspaper correspondent espied Mr. Reed standing on the opposite side of the street contemplating the sky. The correspondent knew that it would be a difficult matter to induce Mr. Reed to talk about his successor, so instead of accosting the ex-speaker at once he walked up and down the block for five minutes, framing an appeal which should touch the Maine man's heart.

Having composed an artful, skillful address, he crossed the street to where Mr. Reed was still standing. It was his intention to prevent Mr. Reed from interrupting by pouring out his entire argument, explaining the reasons why it was a patriotic duty for Mr. Reed to talk before the latter could get in a word. He carried out his scheme successfully. It took three minutes to deliver the address, and Mr. Reed did not get a chance to interrupt. It was such a convincing argument that the correspondent did not see how Mr. Reed could refuse to talk.

Mr. Reed seemed moved. Instead of abruptly refusing to talk, as had at first been his evident intention, he looked up at the sky and began to think. The correspondent knew enough not to disturb the current of Mr. Reed's thoughts. For three or four minutes the ex-speaker gazed at the sky with a meditative air. At last he slowly brought his gaze back to earth, cleared his throat and spoke.

"That cloud," said he, "indicates that we are going to have rain."

In the summer of 1891 Mr. Reed went abroad and while in London sat for his portrait to the famous painter John Sargent. During the winter following the finished portrait was sent to Washington and duly hung in the lobby of the house. His colleagues looked at it and shook their heads silently. Visitors to the capitol were taken around by the guides and shown the last addition to the gallery of portraits of ex-speakers and expressed their opinions also.

Mr. Reed was seen one day to go out into the lobby and stand for several minutes before his portrait and then return to his seat. A newspaper man, who had observed this, took occasion to see him later and ask him what he thought of the portrait.

"Well," he replied in his well known drawl, "I may have done so poorly here as to deserve to be remembered by that picture, but I am taking a good deal of consolation from the thought that everybody says it is a fine portrait, but a very bad likeness."

During Mr. Reed's last years in the house there was a keen demand from publishers of magazines for his manuscript. The offers for his ideas on almost any public question were sometimes phenomenal, and if he had been a more strenuous individual in his literary habits he might have added large sums to his income. On one occasion news came that the state of Colorado was likely to be represented in part in the house by a woman. An enterprising publisher saw in this circumstance a topic for an article from Mr. Reed and instructed his representative in Washington to see the gentleman from Maine and persuade him to write on the possibilities opened up by the entrance of a woman in the lower house of congress.

Mr. Reed was then recognized as a possible candidate for the presidency, and it was apprehended correctly by

the publisher's representative that he would be reluctant to say anything about such a matter. However, the errand was duly performed, and Mr. Reed, sitting ponderously in his seat on the Republican side of the chamber, was asked to let the American public know what he thought the house would be like with any considerable number of women representing constituencies there.

The big man turned gravely on his visitor, continued arranging many papers on his desk, seemed to be thinking intensely on the proposal and finally asked if the visitor had a telegraph frank.

To an affirmative reply the Maine representative said:

"Would you be kind enough to send a message to your principal for me?"

Of course the answer was affirmative, and the gentleman from the publishing house took out his pencil to write from Mr. Reed's dictation.

"Please say," said Mr. Reed, "just this, 'Excuse me' and get the telegraph operator to send the last word in capitals." That was as near as any one ever got Reed to delivering himself on woman's suffrage.

Mr. Reed had fallen off in flesh a great deal of late years. When he was in congress, he was a tremendous man physically. One day during his speakership in the last year of Mr. Cleveland's administration a friend said to him:

"How much do you weigh?"

"I weigh 200 pounds," said Mr. Reed.

"Oh, you weigh more than that," was the surprised reply. "You must weigh nearly 300 pounds."

"No," said the speaker, with an air of finality. "No gentleman weighs more than 200 pounds."

As a rule, Mr. Reed was in the habit of walking from the capitol in Washington to the Shoreham hotel, a distance of about a mile and a half. His big figure and his lumbering, swinging, sailorlike walk were familiar sights along the avenue. Never a halt did he make till he reached the corner of Fifteenth and F streets, where he used to stop and buy an evening paper from "Annie," the old woman who is one of the characters of the capitol. He would chat with Annie and then proceed to the hotel.

When it is stated that he did not stop, an exception must be made. At the very beginning of the walk he used to drop in at the queer old curiosity shop at the foot of the capitol kept by a quaint old character named Guild. Guild is a taciturn old man who seems to resent the presence of customers and who sells his curios as a favor. Reed used to spend hours there delving among the old books, magazines and engravings, watched with a suspicious eye by the old man. One day he picked up two fine engravings of Oliver Cromwell and asked how much they were.

"Five dollars, Mr. Reed," said Guild.

"Oh, you know who I am?" said Reed.

"That is why you charge me such an outrageous price."

"It's \$5 to you and \$5 to anybody else," growled the old eccentric.

"That's my price."

Reed went away, but he came back the next day and asked Guild again how much he wanted for the engravings.

"You know the price," grumbled Guild and would say no more. He refused to answer any of Mr. Reed's arguments, and the speaker went away defeated.

Months passed, and every day the persevering statesman dropped in and asked the price. The answer always was, "You know the price," and after that Guild locked himself up in silence and made no answer to the statesman's protests. Mr. Reed had met an antagonist he could not overcome. At last one day after three months of daily visits he walked in without a word, took up the engravings and handed Guild \$5. Guild took the money without a word. Mr. Reed used to go in there daily after that. He struck up an acquaintance with the old man and seemed to enjoy his eccentricity as much as he did the queer, tumbledown old store with its huddled stock.

Sarcastic himself, Mr. Reed appreciated a joke at his own expense. Here is a story that has never seen the daylight of print, and it illustrates how well he liked a witticism even if he was its target. One day he was browsing in Guild's dingy bookshop. He took up a number of books and finally the novel "Scruples."

"What is the price of this?" asked Mr. Reed.

"A dollar, sir," replied the old man rather tartly.

"Too much," said Reed ironically and laid the book down.

"Well, sir," retorted Guild, who has a sharp tongue of his own, "I don't know of any law you have passed that compels you to buy if you don't want to. Besides, I don't see what a member of congress wants of a book with that title anyway."

Reed broke into a hearty laugh, and as he rolled on down the avenue he was still smiling at the old man's reply.

Reed was at his best during the tumult that arose over the adoption of the so called Reed rules, says a Washington special to the New York World. It was his courage that carried the Republicans through that crisis. The Democrats protested wildly. Reed calmly counted quorums.

"Under what authority do you do this?" screamed a dozen Democrats one day.

"Under the authority of general parliamentary law," replied Reed blandly, and that settled it.

Reed was a great favorite in the social life of Washington. He dined out frequently and enjoyed social intercourse, but he was abstemious and did not indulge to excess in food or drink.

says the New York World. He was once a guest at dinner where Mme. Eames, the prima donna, a native of his own state of Maine, sat opposite him at the table. She challenged him to a glass of wine, and he excused himself. When Mme. Eames rallied him on his refusal, the host inquired if Mr. Reed had become a total abstainer in a tone that inferred some time excessive indulgence, and Mme. Eames apologized profusely.

"I hope," said Reed, "you will not think I have ever needed two side-walks on my way home."

Recently the president of a large New York corporation was riding downtown on the elevated railroad, where the unwritten law "first come, first served," or, rather, "first seated," is a great leveler. Every seat was filled, and Mr. Brown, the corporation president in question, who has an income equal to that of the president of the United States, was hanging to a strap as nimbly and as democratically as a five dollar a week clerk.

The next strap supported no less a personage than Thomas B. Reed, and Brown recognized him instantly.

At the next station a seat directly in front of them was vacated.

Brown bowed and waved Reed toward it in a spirit of courteous self abnegation.

Reed, not to be outdone in politeness, smiled, shook his head and offered the seat to Brown.

"Take it, sir, take it," said Brown as he made another bow. "I cannot be seated in the presence of the czar."

And the ex-speaker's burly form shook with suppressed merriment as he promptly broke the deadlock by occupying the seat.

The debate on the McKinley bill had run for a fortnight, night and day, and the effect of the hot weather began to show on the members, says the New York Tribune. Joseph H. Walker of Worcester, Mass., seemed especially affected. The heat sent streams of perspiration down his face, and his shirt collar began to wilt.

"Take off your coat!" shouted one of his friends. He quickly adopted the suggestion and drew off his double breasted frock coat, continuing his argument in his shirt sleeves. The house was in committee of the whole and the speaker was not present.

On the following day Mr. Reed remained in the chair until the hour for luncheon had passed. A friend mounted the steps and said:

"I thought you always went to luncheon at 2 o'clock. You're a man of regular habits. If they become irregular, your health will become impaired and the nation may lose a statesman. What's the matter with you?"

"Waal," the speaker replied, "I'll tell you. I'm afraid that if I leave the chair some graceless scamp may get up and take off his trousers. It's a thundering sight hotter today than it was yesterday."

The story of Mr. Reed's admission to the California bar is still told by admiring friends. It was at the time when every one was discussing the legal tender act. Judge Wallace, afterward chief justice of California, asked Mr. Reed:

"Is the legal tender act constitutional?"

"It is," answered Mr. Reed without a moment's hesitation.

"You are admitted," said the judge. "Any one who can answer offhand a question like that can practice law."

The first public appearance of Thomas B. Reed as a speaker was at a Friday afternoon "declamation day" in New England. Thomas learned the following gem and gravely recited it in his most earnest manner:

Old Jim Crow came a-riding by:
Says I, "Old man, your horse will die."
Says he, "If he dies, I'll tan his skin,
And if he lives I'll ride ag'in."

"That's all I know," he added.

On one of Mr. Reed's ocean voyages he was accused of having been seasick.

"I was never seasick except once," he said, "and that was in Portland harbor. I had gone to California in the steamer and was on my way back. I felt disappointed at not going through the experience of seasickness. Well, as we were going into the harbor it came on me. It isn't exactly the kind of thing that fellow likes to have often. That dose satisfied me, but I was glad to have known what the emotion was like."

One of Reed's oddities was his devotion to his watch. Some time ago, while making a speech in New York, he had an experience which he never forgot. Just before starting for the hall he changed his waistcoat and as he ascended the platform to begin his address reached for his watch to see what the hour was. It was not in its accustomed place, and Mr. Reed's hair fairly stood on end. While the people shouted and applauded, the orator continued his search for his missing timepiece. His first suspicion was that he had been touched by a pickpocket, and his great horror was that the newspapers would get hold of it and publish that Tom Reed had been done up by a sharper.

Just as the people began to flag in their applause and it was time for him to begin his remarks, Mr. Reed found his watch in his back trousers pocket. "If I had not found that watch," said Reed in describing the incident, "I am afraid there would have been no speech from me that night. As it was, it took me ten minutes to recover my equilibrium."

A Christmas Warning.

If you have your ice bill paid, your coal bin filled and have squared the groceryman for your Thanksgiving spread, you can, says the Atchison Champion, go right on and fix yourself to take care of the Christmas presents.

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Sealed bids for the delivery at the court house during the present winter season of 100 cords of four feet green wood in ten cord lots or more, of body jack pine, poplar or tamarac, will be received by the county auditor up to Jan. 1st, 1903. The board of county commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

A. MAHLUM,
County Auditor

Dated Dec. 4, 1902.

Thoughtfulness of a Singer.

Mme. Lillian Blauvelt, who is now singing in England, resorted to heroic measures when news of the coal strike in the United States reached her, says the New York Evening World. Determined that her father, a New Yorker, should not freeze, she straightway went to work and purchased twenty tons of Welsh coal and shipped it home. Unloaded at New York, it figured up just \$7.25 a ton. The price in that city at the time was \$6.50, but Mr. Blauvelt took the cheerful view that it was worth much more than the difference to know he had so thoughtful a daughter.

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DEERWOOD.

Winter has come but more snow is needed to make sleighing good.

C. J. Rathvon's lath mill has arrived and he will soon have it in running order.

H. J. Hage has bought the Johnson farm but does not expect to occupy the property.

W. S. Jordan made a business trip to Aitkin and took a look at his old home across the river.

Preparations are being made for a Christmas tree and entertainment at the M. E. church on Christmas eve.

The new part to the Deerwood hotel is being pushed along and Mr. Rathvon expects to have it plastered in a few days.

We are sorry to have offended "X. Y. Z." of the Brainerd Tribune, and had no idea that he would bury us in the manner he did.

Clarence Rudolph, of Sandy Lake fame, is busy cutting logs for H. J. Hage. We wish him success in his lumbering operations.

Coffin & Wasserzieher are running their feed mill every Saturday to accommodate the farmers and they are more than busy every day they run.

The Selander farm was sold by Rathvon & Jordan to Mr. Thompson, of Lake Mills, Iowa, who will take possession of the property on March 1, next.

Miss Florence Sheppard, of Clear Water Lake, purchased two lots at Deerwood last week and her father will build a residence on them in the spring.

There was a party at John Engman's last Saturday evening, and the dance continued until the wee small hours. Those present reported a good time.

We are pleased to know that the family of Wm. Taylor have recovered from the scarlet fever, and will soon be among the neighbors again. We are also glad to note that Mr. Taylor has found another horse to take the place of the one he lost some time ago.

The schools in Deerwood are progressing nicely. The primary room in the lecture room of the M. E. church, is filled and there are several

more scholars in sight for the next term, and the question that confronts the school board is what are they going to do to accommodate that number of scholars.

JACOB.

Saved at Grave's Brink.

"I know I would long ago have been in my grave," writes Mrs. S. H. Newsom, of Decatur Ala., "if it had not been for Electric Bitters. For three years I suffered untold agony from the worst forms of indigestion, waterbrash, stomach and bowel dyspepsia. But this excellent medicine did me a world of good. Since using it I can eat heartily and have gained 35 pounds." For indigestion, loss of appetite, stomach liver and kidney troubles Electric Bitters are a positive, guaranteed cure. Only 50c at McFadden Drug Co. and H. P. Dunn & Co. drug store.

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"WHEN WE WERE TWENTY-ONE."

A fine company will present H. V. Esmond's comedy drama "When We Were 21" at the Brainerd theatre tomorrow evening. The play is delightful in sentiment and spied in humor. It is written in a vein of true light comedy. It is the work of a master hand. It tempts the tear to fall upon the lip of laughter, and has been pronounced by the press and public everywhere it has been seen the greatest play of modern times.

Crowded houses have been the rule everywhere that "When We Were 21" has been presented, and when we remember the charming story of the play, its masterly conception, the brilliancy of its dialogue, the admirable mingling of sentiment and mirth and the excellent company which has been organized to present this clever and remarkable play, the large receipts can readily be accounted for. A fine company will present this brilliant and powerful at the Brainerd theatre tomorrow evening. Seats for which are now selling at Dunn's drug store.

"CHASE LISTER COMPANY."

The public demand cleverness in its amusements either at high or low prices. Repertoire in particular, includes talented people as they are continually called upon to assume parts which differ widely from each other. The Chase-Lister theatre company which is booked to appear at the opera house next week, is justly celebrated for its remarkable gathering of clever people, its stage settings and powerful dramas. The company is headed by Glen F. Chase



a talented artist, who is a thoroughly polished actor. He is perhaps one of the few leading men who does not fear to hide his identity behind the mask of an acting role. Miss Nellie Blanchard, the leading lady is looked upon as being equally clever. Other members of the company are S. M. Griffith, Joseph Farrell, Arthur J. Chisam, Willmar L. Walters, Will Harmon, Myrtle Hulbert, Maude Shannon, Maude Massey. Specialties will be introduced at each performance by Clint and Bessie Robbins, the Thebus Bros. and other members of the company. A fine production of "Stricken Blind" will open the engagement next Monday evening, Dec. 15, when courtesies will be extended to the ladies as is usual with all repertoire attractions. Popular prices of only 25, 35 and 50, will prevail for this.

"OVER THE FENCE."

There was not a large attendance of theatre patrons at the Brainerd opera house last night when "Over the Fence" was presented. Perhaps most people had the presentment that the production was not particularly of the high class order on account of the name, and to a certain extent they judged rightly, but the attraction could in no way be called poor. Those who were present appeared to enjoy the production very much and indeed there were some very clever characterizations. The ballet was also good and Mr. West in the real hobo part captivated the house for he was real good. There were some pretty girls and some clever dancing and withal one could enjoy the attraction barring some of the actors who certainly did not "make good."

A Million Voices

Could hardly express the thanks of Homer Hall, of West Point Ia. Listen why: A severe cold had settled on his lungs, causing a most obstinate cough. Several physicians said he had consumption, but could not help him. When all thought he was doomed he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and writes—"it completely cured me and saved my life. I now weigh 227 lbs." It's positively guaranteed for Coughs Colds and Lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at McFadden Drug Co. and H. P. Dunn & Co.

LOVES LITTLE FOLKS.

Dr. Lorenz Tells of His Work For Crippled Children.

STUDIED HOW NOT TO SHED BLOOD

Successful Surgery Without Use of the Knife—Imparts Secret of His Methods to the Profession Because of Desire to Relieve Suffering. "Sweetest Thing in Life," He Says, "Is to Be Able to Give."

"A physician dare not keep secret anything which can relieve humanity from suffering," said Dr. Adolf Lorenz, the great German surgeon, to James Creelman, the Washington correspondent of the New York World, in answer to the suggestion that physicians might keep secret their methods and discoveries in order to enrich themselves. "No physician dare do that. Ah, no! We must give and give and give. It is one of the sweetest things in life to be able to give. All physicians do it. Their discoveries are given to the world at once and without price. That is the rule of my profession in all countries."

"There are so few hours in the day to work and there is so much work to be done, so many deformed children to be saved," he said. "And it is such a pleasure to remember the little ones and the grateful mothers I have left behind me everywhere in this country—yes, even in Cripple Creek, in the Rocky mountains."

"I want to do everything I can while I am in America to prevent suffering and to give my method to American surgeons. It is not a new thing, for I wrote a book about it, but this method cannot be explained. It must be demonstrated in practice. In Vienna I have received many American surgeons in my clinic, but all cannot come to Vienna, and now that I am in America I am doing everything in my power to demonstrate for the benefit of the surgeons here."

"I would never have been called to Chicago for a surgical operation with the knife. Technical surgery has reached a very high plane in America."

"In bloody surgery the surgeons of America equal the most skillful surgeons of Europe. That is an accepted fact."

"I was called to Chicago to use bloodless surgery in a case where bloody surgery had failed, and I was successful."

"The truth is that in attempting to cure congenital dislocation of the hip by manipulation and without making an opening in the flesh your surgeons have not dared to use the limb of a child as I have used it. I did not dare to do it myself until I had made many experiments."

"When there is no hip joint, if the bones are forced into position, nature will furnish the socket, but nature will not grow the joint unless she is forced. When the bones are manipulated into position, the child must be made to walk. When the weight of the body is thrown upon the imperfect part, nature will grow whatever is necessary."

"No one can say what are the limits of orthopedic surgery. There is no doubt that it will rid the human race of many of its most terrible deformities. The bloody operations hitherto used in cases of congenital hip dislocations are very dangerous. They frequently leave the child worse than it was before the knife was applied, but I can say of the bloodless method that it not only does not endanger life, but there is always some improvement shown, even if the cure be not complete."

"For years I used the knife in operating on such cases. In 500 cases I lost the lives of four children. That was not much—4 out of 500—but it was too much to bear. I studied how to avoid shedding the blood of children. Every time I made an opening in the flesh of a little patient I studied the parts with the idea of giving relief without cutting. Then I experimented on a hundred cases with my present method. I said to the parents: 'I ask for no pay if I fail. It is an experiment. If I fail, you need not pay; if I succeed, you will know what to do.'"

"Five years ago I made my decisive public demonstration. I had been laughed at by surgeons everywhere. No matter what my success might be, my work was treated with scorn and ridicule. How well I remember the day of that conclusive demonstration! There were fully 500 surgeons present—among them the ablest surgeons in Europe—ready to crush me if I failed. But I did not fail, and those who laughed and jeered at me began to imitate my method, which is now accepted throughout the world."

"I had to discover the age limit for these bloodless operations and, having discovered that, I had to know how far a child's limb could be manipulated and under what conditions nature would throw out her modifying processes."

"These terrible hip diseases which horrify the world can be cured in childhood. Of course, as I said before, we cannot succeed in every case, but even our failures are a great improvement on the old system. Besides, we lose no lives in operating. We know now that we can prevent lifelong suffering and deformity in thousands of cases."

"You must love little children, doctor," said Mr. Creelman.

"Yes, yes; I love them"—the blue eyes grew moist and tender—"and they love me. You should see the little pale faces when they know that help has reached them. And the mothers—ah, what a memory I have of them!"

TWO ORDERS

(Original.)

Many were the assaults made by the Union troops upon the fort at the mouth of the harbor, and they were all repulsed. After dark their general set up his headquarters on the beach, where he received reports of his commanders. As each new list of killed and wounded came in larger even than he had expected his brow darkened deeper. Then came his aid-de-camp, whom he had missed early in the day and had not seen since.

"Where have you been, captain?" asked the general in a genial tone. "Captured. I was left unguarded an hour ago—they were too busy to keep a sharp lookout, having other use for their men—and I walked away."

"That's a likely story," said the general, with a snarl. "Captain, you've been skulking."

"General!"

"Major," continued the commander to another member of the staff, "issue an order dismissing Captain Bell from my staff and returning him to his regiment."

The major hesitated, whereupon the general threatened to dismiss him as well. Then he wrote the order. "General," said the young captain who was to be degraded in this summary manner, trembling with excitement, "we fight tomorrow, I suppose. Well, give me a chance to prove what I have said or to do some signal service. Hold the order till tomorrow at this hour. If by that time I have done neither, let it go forth."

The general repressed a burst of passion, for he saw the justice of the demand, and gruffly assented.

Captain Bell's story was true. Carrying an order from one corps to another, while on the way the enemy had passed behind him, and he was taken into the fort with other Union soldiers. Later, during a desperate assault of the Unionists, the prisoners were in the way, and they were taken outside. It was during this assault that Bell escaped.

"Major," he said to the officer who had been ordered to write his dismissal from the staff, "I would rather die than have that order issued, and I'm going to die. Give me the counter-sign."

"What will you do with it?"

"I'm going to take some spikes and by hook or by crook work my way into that fort to spike some of their guns. There are nine chances in ten that I will be either shot or hanged. The one chance is that I will succeed. Listen just before morning for a gun. If you hear it, tell the general that I have succeeded and it is a signal for him to move on the fort."

In vain the major scouted the proposal. His friend was resolved. About midnight Bell passed out of the Union lines and groped about on the battlefield of the previous day till he found a dead Confederate officer, whose uniform he put on. Then, moving close to the fort, he hailed a sentinel, telling him that he had been out to find a wounded comrade. Entering the fort with the air of having duties there, he was stopped by an officer reorganizing the thinned forces, who asked his corps. Bell gave the name of the corps which he had seen on the hats of those who had guarded him during the day and passed on as if pressed for time. The night was hot, and the exhausted gunners instead of keeping to the casemates were sleeping mostly outside of them. Bell found an opportunity to crawl beneath one of them, where he remained till the fort was comparatively quiet. Then he took from his pocket the implements with which he had provided himself. Placing a spike in the vent of the gun from under which he crawled, he hammered it down, placing some sole leather between it and his hammer to deaden the sound. This done, he crawled from one gun to another, repeating the process till he had spiked seven of twelve guns defending the north face. Once one of the gunners awoke and, seeing an officer at the gun, looked at him quizzically. Bell, seeing that he was observed, pretended to inspect the gun, then passed on.

It was about 2 o'clock in the morning that the fort was startled by the boom of one of its own guns. Nobody knew who fired it or by whose order. At the first streak of dawn the outposts reported heavy dark masses moving against the fort from every direction. Four columns made the assault, three of them being driven back with slaughter. On the north face the men sprang to the guns to find them spiked. Bell took position at a gun that he had failed to spike and served it, with others, rubbing his powder stained hands on his face till he was unrecognizable. The north face, at which he fought, being poorly defended, the Union troops made a breach, passing through it in sufficient numbers to compel a surrender.

At sunrise the Union general sat on horseback within the fort to inspect his prisoners.

"Is there a Union soldier, Captain Bell, in this fort?" he asked.

A man with a face as black as the ace of spades stepped forth and saluted.

"Here, general."

The general got down from his horse and, running forward, grasped his aid's hand.

"Forgive me, my boy. The blood of our brave fellows who had been slaughtered crazed me."

"I rejoice in your action, general, since it spurred me to a work that I could never have done without a desperate motive."

"Major," said the general, "write an order commending Captain Bell to the president for promotion for gallant and meritorious services in the capture of this fort." EVERETT P. MOORE.

Saved From Death In a Cattle Stampede

Few young women's lives have recorded more widely differing experiences than Betty Lister's, although hardly twenty years have elapsed from the day she first looked upon the world out of a satin lined crib in a luxurious home in Brooklyn until one day last month when she was saved from a horrible death.

Miss Lister became a schoolteacher in Wyoming when her father took up his home in Sheridan, although much against her parents' will. Her home was three miles from the school on the prairie.

One afternoon in October she remained later than usual at the school house; then on her way home stopped



THE CATTLE CAME THUNDERING

by a pile of huge boulders to examine some curious inscriptions cut into the surface.

A low, rumbling sound startled her. She sprang to her feet. A large herd of cattle was coming toward her, their noses to the ground, their horns clanking together and enveloped in a cloud of dust. At the same moment her pony became frightened, tossed his head in the air and dashed away across the plains.

She uttered a scream and sank down. Yells arose from the cowboys. They rode madly into the herd, trying to check the onward rush of the leaders by firing revolvers in their faces. Betty crouched for a moment on the rock pile directly in the path of the stampede; then, impelled to make an effort to save herself, she rose and darted off across the country ahead of the herd.

The cattle came thundering after her. Faster, faster, she sped, her bright skirts flying back in the wind. Louder, nearer, came the frightened herd. The earth vibrated beneath her. She heard the angry roarings, almost felt their hot breath, and, weak from exhaustion, blinded by the dust, she fell.

At that moment from out the clouds of dust dashed a snorting broncho, maddened by the gashing spurs of his rider. A few leaps, and he had reached the prostrate form, and, bending down from his saddle, his strong arm lifted her from the ground, hardly checking his speed, and the sturdy pony swung forward under the double weight. She was saved!

Wrecked Sailors Live Like Vampires

The survivors of a ship wrecked in the Indian ocean are likely to suffer for their bloodsucking propensities. Advice from Wellington, New Zealand, indicates that eight sailors, survivors of the wrecked steamship Elingamite, who were rescued from a raft by the British survey steamer Penguin, may be punished for their cannibalism.



They admit that while crazed with thirst and their minds unbinged by their dreadful situation some of them prolonged life by drinking each other's blood.

This was done, they say, by mutual consent. By groups of two they made incisions in the skin and sucked each other's blood simultaneously. Those refusing to submit were "tapped" while asleep. The stewardess, who was the heroine of the wreck, died from exhaustion and loss of blood resulting from the ghastly practice.

The confession has caused horror throughout the country. The conduct of the survivors is considered inexcusable, as the raft was afloat only four and a half days.

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NEW ARTIFICIAL RUBIES.

Perfect Stones Said to Have Been Manufactured by a Frenchman.

The manufacture of artificial rubies which in appearance are as good as the natural stones is now an accomplished fact, says the London Mail. A demonstration of this achievement was given to the members of the Academie des Sciences in Paris the other afternoon.

Some years ago artificial rubies were placed on the market, but a microscopic examination revealed the fact that the crystals were imperfect. The rubies manufactured by M. Verneuil, however, are of a superb red color and of a purity and sparkle equal to the genuine article. The cost of producing them is not a heavy one, so that there is every reason to anticipate that the new discovery will lead to a sensible diminution in the price of the formerly precious stones.

The rubies are obtained by a new process, in which the blowpipe plays an important part, and the stones are both beautiful and of a goodly size. The specimen shown at the meeting of the academy was much admired by the savants.

NOVEL TUMOR CURE.

New York Physician Claims to Destroy Them by Boiling Water.

Dr. John A. Wyeth of New York city has a new method of treating tumors by injecting boiling water into the growth, and, as he says that not a single accident has occurred in his operations and as the results have been satisfactory, he feels justified in recommending the method to the medical profession.

Dr. Wyeth makes public his method in a detailed description published in the current issue of the New York Medical Journal.

"In his operations Dr. Wyeth employs a syringe with a metal cylinder and adjustable piston, with needles of varying size. Using the ordinary aseptic precautions, water is taken directly from a cauldron and injected into the substance of the tumor. The water must be at a temperature of from 190 to 212 degrees F., or even higher."

Dr. Wyeth says he will report the results of his treatment at the meeting of the American Medical association in New Orleans next May.

BOER BULLETS AS CHARMS.

British Women Prize Bits of Lead Stopped by Loved Ones.

A prominent west end jeweler told me that many a well known society woman is wearing as her most prized charm a little piece of lead that has been extracted from the person of some one near and dear to her, writes the London correspondent of the New York Herald. Not a few officers returning from South Africa after being in the hospital brought with them Boer bullets which had found their billets. The bullets have on three occasions been intrusted to this jeweler as the center attractions for exquisite pendants.

One soldier brought a couple of bullets home. They have been set in gold for sleeve links. "And he went on again to see if he could get a couple more to complete the set," said the jeweler gravely.

Trunks and Grips at D.M. Clark's.

DOG HUSKS CORN.

Indiana Farmer the Possessor of Rare Canine Specimen.

A cornhusking dog is the property of Jacob Diefenbaugh, who lives on the Stephens farm, near Andrews, says a special dispatch from Wabash, Ind., to the Chicago Inter Ocean. According to the story from Andrews, the dog intently watched Mr. Diefenbaugh husk corn one day recently and went in on his own hook, tearing the husks from the ears with more celerity than the average farm hand.

He wasn't careful in piling the corn and the husks, but he stripped the husks clean. The next day he followed Diefenbaugh to the field and did several hours of efficient work.

New Wall Papers.

Some striking designs are shown in art nouveau papers. One represents a pathway winding through an orchard and another a meadow by a lake, with boats floating on the surface of the water. A design on real grass cloth is a charming novelty. An arbor of roses with cloud effect overhead and groups of Easter lilies with overarching visca of sky are two of the most beautiful wall paper ideas of the year.

A Winter Prospect.

With the turns all piled with plenty, the gray frost on the shed. The cane there in the sugar mill, the apples rose, red. The heavy wagons rumbling along the rocky way. I'm thankful that I'm living in a world like this today!

Sorrow in full measure. But sorrow shall not stay! Hands around the holly. And let the fiddle play!

The springtime spread her roses in crimson on our feet. The summer set the mocking birds to singing silver sweet. But pleasure in full measure comes with the winter gray. And I'm thankful that I'm living in a world like this today!

Sorrow still and sighing. Let sorrow sigh away! Hands around the holly. And let the fiddle play!

Sing with the mocking birds or sighing on the road. It's only life, my masters, the laughter or the lead. But reap you love for in winter wild and May. And be thankful that you're living in a world like this today!

Wave your hand to sorrow. Joy is on the way. Hands around the holly. And let the fiddle play!

—Atlanta Constitution.

PIET DE WET A TRAITOR.

So Alleges Reitz, Former Secretary of the Transvaal.

E. W. Reitz, formerly secretary of the Transvaal, said the other night, according to a Chicago special to the New York World, that the man whom General Christian De Wet had in mind when he denounced in his book some of the Boers as traitors was his own brother, Piet De Wet.

"I want the people of this country to know this," he said. "Piet De Wet turned traitor, received a commission in the English army and led British troops against his kindred in the last days of the war. If the brothers ever meet, General Christian De Wet will kill Piet."

Reitz declared that other Boer leaders who turned traitors were Andries Cronje and General Prinsloo.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1902.

Weather.

Fair tonight and Friday. Warmer.

VENEZUELA is evidently looking for trouble.

THE Minneapolis newspapers have not yet elected a speaker for the house of representatives.

AT Fergus Falls the city council has revoked the liquor license of a saloon keeper for selling intoxicants to a minor—a young man of seventeen.

RUMOR is current that Minnesota is to be given another federal judge and Page Morris' name is connected with the position. No more popular or deserving man could be named.

GOV. VAN SANT has named the new state oil inspector, Fenton G. Warner, of St. Paul. There will be just as much honor but not quite as much cash in the job after Jan. 1st, as the office goes on a salary basis of \$2,400 after that date.

THE game commission will ask the legislature to raise the license on guns from 25 cents to one dollar and add a fine of \$25 on any man carrying a gun without a license. It will also endeavor to adopt the Wisconsin system of tagging deer, the coupons to be issued with the license.

AS soon as the timber estimators make their report the agriculture lands of the Chippewa reservation will be thrown open to settlement. These lands belong to the Indians and will not be free homestead lands but must be purchased by the settlers at \$1.25 per acre after five years residence.

WM. BRYAN'S wealth is now placed at over a half million dollars and he has just moved into his elegant country home near Lincoln, Nebraska, which was erected at a cost of \$40,000. From the financial standpoint his two defeats for the presidency have redounded very much to his credit.

DR. AMES' health made it necessary for him to leave Louisville, Kentucky, just before the sheriff of Hennepin county arrived with a warrant for his arrest. Ames has heretofore made it a point to "stand by" his friends but the stringency of the case compels him to turn his back even on his friends.

IN the selection of your Christmas purchases patronize your home merchants. It is unnecessary to go outside of Brainerd for anything you will want in that line. The stores are particularly attractive this year and our merchants who have laid in bountiful stocks are entitled to the home trade. Besides you have the advantage of knowing who you are trading with and the privilege of exchanging or making good any mistake. Again, we say do your Christmas shopping at home.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Attorney A. D. Polk left last night for Minneapolis on business.

A girl was born this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Parker.

F. E. Cawley came in from Little Falls this afternoon on business.

P. G. Clarkson, of Duluth, is in the city today calling on the trade.

The Ladies Aid of the First Baptist church will meet at the parsonage tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. J. C. Congdon Jr., arrived in the city last evening from Staples returning this afternoon.

Ami Gould, of Cross Lake, has been granted a pension of \$6 per month by the department.

A. H. Ahlers, general agent of the Champion Mfg. Co., came down from Aitkin this afternoon and left for St. Cloud on No. 6.

Mrs. James M. Knevet, of Minneapolis, has been quite seriously sick but is slowly recovering, which will be glad news to her many friends in Brainerd.

E. A. Howes, of Waukon, Ia., arrived in the city this morning. He has taken an interest in the Metropolitan bowling alley and will in the future assist Manager Dwyer.

Rev. Father Zimmerman of South Lake Linden, Mich., who has been in the city the past two days visiting his brother Phillip Zimmerman, returned home today noon.

This morning the ten-day old child of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Dunlop, living on Second avenue, N. E. Brainerd, died. The funeral will be held from the residence tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

F. G. Hall was able to be at work this morning at the Tribune office after being laid up for about four days with a touch of the grip. He is much better, but there are still a few sore spots.

John McNaughton has been ailing again the last two or three days. He was taken with a stroke of apoplexy some time ago and seemed to revive from this for a time, but is much worse again.

The dray team of J. F. Townsend took a small spurt yesterday afternoon, running from Warren Bros' shop in East Brainerd to the bridge where they were captured. The damage done was slight.

There will be a meeting of the Eagles tomorrow night in Odd Fellows hall and a full attendance is requested by the officers of the order. Hereafter they will meet on the second and fourth Fridays in each month.

J. F. Jerrard, of the St. Cloud Journal Press Co., is in the city today taking orders for their blank book department. "Jimmy" as he is familiarly known among his newspaper friends, has made but a few trips to Brainerd but never fails to make a few friends on each trip.

A team belonging to J. N. Nevers became unruly last evening and got away from the driver and in turning the corner near the home of Geo. A. Keene, upturned the wagon and broke one wheel and smashed the reach. For a time the team could not be found but a southsider had gathered the horses together and placed them under shelter, notifying the police.

Harry Downs, an old time knight of the grip, came in last night and left this afternoon for Staples.

PEQUOT PICKUPS.

Judge A. R. Holman was a Brainerd visitor Tuesday.

Capt. T. G. Butler and Rev. Haight were in Brainerd Wednesday.

Numerous loggers in this vicinity are getting ready for their winter work.

Mrs. Ryan returned last week from a visit in the southern part of the state.

The Schrader brothers are engaged in erecting a house on their mother's property.

Editor Holman of the Pine Tree Blaze spent Saturday in Pequot making acquaintances and business.

Rev. Haight officiated at the marriage of Ben Robideau and Miss Jones at Pine River Wednesday evening.

Once in a while a "sooner" with a sleigh is seen in these parts but the snow is insufficient for good sleighing as yet.

Elaborate preparations are being made by the school children under the direction of Prof. Baker for a Christmas entertainment.

Mr. Case, our new barber, is getting the old Batchelor store building in shape and will be in readiness a few days to call "next" every time he hears the door open.

Miss Mae Holman entertained her Sabbath school class at her home on Saturday afternoon. The entertainment provided was a donkey contest and the youngsters had a hilarious time.

Preparations are being made to plaster the Methodist church here. The laths are partially on and as soon as there is a little warmer weather the work will be rushed to completion.

An effort is being made to establish a camp of the Yeomen of America in Pequot. This society though young in years has shown good progress and appears to be a safe plan for mutual insurance.

Claude Whitney son of our station agent has arrived in Pequot to spend the winter with his parents. He has been employed at Mahoning Junction on the E. M. Ry. during the ore shipping season.

We learn with regret of a number of cases of diphtheria in our neighboring town, Pine River. So far as we are informed there is not a single case of contagious disease in or around Pequot. Quite an enviable state of affairs we think.

F. G. Schrader of the Olson, Tabor and Schrader Land Co., reports the first tip-over of the sleighing season. In turning around in front of Cole's store on Saturday last his team acted with a little more than their accustomed alacrity and Frank found himself acting as the main support for a rather heavy sleigh body much to the amusement of the bystanders.

Women love a clear, healthy complexion. Pure blood makes it. Burdock Blood Bitters makes pure blood.

TAKEN UP—A streaked heifer, red and white, came to my place about three weeks ago. Owner please come, prove property and pay charges. John E. Mattson, Sec. 10, 46-29.

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E. L. BROWN TO BE PROMOTED.

Report that Supt. Vanderslice Would Leave The Northern Pacific is Denied by That Gentleman.

The following special from Duluth to the Pioneer Press has been denied by Supt. Vanderslice, his denial having appeared in last evening's Duluth Herald:

"It is reported in Duluth that G. W. Vanderslice, superintendent of the Lake Superior division of the Northern Pacific road, with headquarters here, may go to Chicago to accept a similar position with one of the railroads centering there. Mr. Vanderslice was in St. Paul yesterday on his way home from Chicago. It is understood that he went to the latter city to investigate the new proposition. There is more inducement in the way of salary in the Chicago position according to report."

The following is taken from the Duluth Herald of last evening:

"G. W. Vanderslice, superintendent of the Lake Superior division of the Northern Pacific, returned today from Chicago. He was somewhat surprised, he said, to hear that it had been announced in the morning paper that he was to move to Chicago soon to take up a railroad position there."

"There is absolutely no truth in the report," he said this afternoon upon his return. "I had no idea of going to Chicago, and I have no intention at present of severing my connection with the Northern Pacific railroad."

"It is reported in Duluth that E. L. Brown, who was formerly superintendent of the St. Paul & Duluth and later of the Lake Superior division of the Northern Pacific, is to be brought back from the Montana division of the Great Northern, of which he is superintendent, to be made general superintendent of the Great Northern, vice F. E. Ward, who holds that office at present. The report is that Mr. Ward is to go with the Burlington in a similar capacity."

Try "Gold Dust" Flour.

Officers Elected.

At the regular meeting of the Rathbone Sisters last night the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

M. E. C.—Mrs. Mary McFadden.
E. S.—Mrs. Lena Mahood.
E. J.—Mrs. I. U. White.
M. T.—Mrs. Rose Dubois.
M. of R. & C.—Mrs. H. E. Stinehour.

M. of F.—Mrs. Carrie Lagerquist.
P. of T.—Mrs. Arthur Lyddon.
G. O. T.—Mrs. F. Bradbury.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served. Mrs. Bruce and daughters rendered some very fine vocal and instrumental music. A solo by Mrs. Theviot and other amusements were greatly enjoyed.

Regular Meeting.

Pap Thomas Post No. 30 of this city at its regular meeting on Saturday evening next will elect officers for 1903.

All members in good standing are requested to be present.

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| 40 Bars good Laundry soap for..... | \$1.00 |
| Early June Peas, per can..... | 7c |
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| Fancy Prunes, per lb..... | 5c |
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| Cranberries, per qt..... | 8c |
| Sweet Cider, per gallon..... | 25c |
| 3 lbs Ginger Snaps for..... | 20c |
| 1 lb Can Hunts Perfect Baking Powder..... | 20c |
| Tapiocco, the best, per lb..... | 5c |
| 1 lb Best bulk Cocoanut..... | 20c |
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BY INGERSOLL & WIELAND.

E. C. GRIFFITH, City Editor.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1902.

Weather.

Fair tonight and Friday. Warmer.

VENEZUELA is evidently looking for trouble.

THE Minneapolis newspapers have not yet elected a speaker for the house of representatives.

At Fergus Falls the city council has revoked the liquor license of a saloon keeper for selling intoxicants to a minor—a young man of seventeen.

Rumor is current that Minnesota is to be given another federal judge and Page Morris' name is connected with the position. No more popular or deserving man could be named.

Gov. VAN SANT has named the new state oil inspector, Fenton G. Warner, of St. Paul. There will be just as much honor but not quite as much cash in the job after Jan. 1st, as the office goes on a salary basis of \$2,400 after that date.

THE game commission will ask the legislature to raise the license on guns from 25 cents to one dollar and add a fine of \$25 on any man carrying a gun without a license. It will also endeavor to adopt the Wisconsin system of tagging deer, the coupons to be issued with the license.

As soon as the timber estimators make their report the agriculture lands of the Chippewa reservation will be thrown open to settlement. These lands belong to the Indians and will not be free homestead lands but must be purchased by the settlers at \$1.25 per acre after five years residence.

WM. BRYAN's wealth is now placed at over a half million dollars and he has just moved into his elegant country home near Lincoln, Nebraska, which was erected at a cost of \$40,000. From the financial standpoint his two defeats for the presidency have redounded very much to his credit.

DR. AMES' health made it necessary for him to leave Louisville, Kentucky, just before the sheriff of Heenepin county arrived with a warrant for his arrest. Ames has heretofore made it a point to "stand by his friends" but the strenuousness of the case compels him to turn his back even on his friends.

In the selection of your Christmas purchases patronize your home merchants. It is unnecessary to go outside of Brainerd for anything you will want in that line. The stores are particularly attractive this year and our merchants who have laid in bountiful stocks are entitled to the home trade. Besides you have the advantage of knowing who you are trading with and the privilege of exchanging or making good any mistake. Again, we say do your Christmas shopping at home.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Attorney A. D. Polk left last night for Minneapolis on business.

A girl was born this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Parker.

F. E. Cawley came in from Little Falls this afternoon on business.

P. G. Clarkson, of Duluth, is in the city today calling on the trade.

The Ladies Aid of the First Baptist church will meet at the parsonage tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. J. C. Congdon Jr., arrived in the city last evening from Staples returning this afternoon.

Ami Gould, of Cross Lake, has been granted a pension of \$6 per month by the department.

A. H. Ahlers, general agent of the Champion Mfg. Co., came down from Aitkin this afternoon and left for St. Cloud on No. 6.

Mrs. James M. Knevet, of Minneapolis, has been quite seriously sick but is slowly recovering, which will be glad news to her many friends in Brainerd.

E. A. Howes, of Waukon, Ia., arrived in the city this morning. He has taken an interest in the Metropolitan bowling alley and will in the future assist Manager Dwyer.

Rev. Father Zimmerman of South Lake Linden, Mich., who has been in the city the past two days visiting his brother Philip Zimmerman, returned home today noon.

This morning the ten-day old child of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Dunlop, living on Second avenue, N. E. Brainerd, died. The funeral will be held from the residence tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

F. G. Hall was able to be at work this morning at the Tribune office after being laid up for about four days with a touch of the grip. He is much better, but there are still a few sore spots.

John McNaughton has been ailing again the last two or three days. He was taken with a stroke of apoplexy some time ago and seemed to revive from this for a time, but is much worse again.

The dray team of J. F. Townsend took a small spurt yesterday afternoon, running from Warren Bros' shop in East Brainerd to the bridge where they were captured. The damage done was slight.

There will be a meeting of the Eagles tomorrow night in Odd Fellows hall and a full attendance is requested by the officers of the order. Hereafter they will meet on the second and fourth Fridays in each month.

J. F. Jerrard, of the St. Cloud-Journal Press Co., is in the city today taking orders for their blank book department, "Jimmy" as he is familiarly known among his newspaper friends, has made but a few trips to Brainerd but never fails to make a few friends on each trip.

A team belonging to J. N. Nevers became unruly last evening and got away from the driver and in turning the corner near the home of Geo. A. Keene, upturned the wagon and broke one wheel and smashed the reach. For a time the team could not be found but a southsider had gathered the horses together and placed them under shelter, notifying the police.

Harry Downs, an old time knight of the grip, came in last night and left this afternoon for Staples.

PEQUOT PICKUPS.

Judge A. R. Holman was a Brainerd visitor Tuesday.

Capt. T. G. Butler and Rev Haight were in Brainerd Wednesday.

Numerous loggers in this vicinity are getting ready for their winter work.

Mrs. Ryan returned last week from a visit in the southern part of the state.

The Schrader brothers are engaged in erecting a house on their mother's property.

Editor Holman of the Pine Tree Blaze spent Saturday in Pequot making acquaintances and business.

Rev. Haight officiated at the marriage of Ben Robideau and Miss Jones at Pine River Wednesday evening.

Once in a while a "sooner" with a sleigh is seen in these parts but the snow is insufficient for good sleighing as yet.

Elaborate preparations are being made by the school children under the direction of Prof. Baker for a Christmas entertainment.

Mr. Case, our new barber, is getting the old Batchelor store building in shape and will be in readiness in a few days to call "next" every time he hears the door open.

Miss Mae Holman entertained her Sabbath school class at her home on Saturday afternoon. The entertainment provided was a donkey contest and the youngsters had a hilarious time.

Preparations are being made to plaster the Methodist church here. The laths are partially on and as soon as there is a little warmer weather the work will be rushed to completion.

An effort is being made to establish a camp of the Yeomen of America in Pequot. This society though young in years has shown good progress and appears to be a safe plan for mutual insurance.

Claude Whitney son of our station agent has arrived in Pequot to spend the winter with his parents. He has been employed at Mahoning Junction on the E. M. Ry. during the ore shipping season.

We learn with regret of a number of cases of diphtheria in our neighboring town, Pine River. So far as we are informed there is not a single case of contagious disease in or around Pequot. Quite an enviable state of affairs we think.

F. G. Schrader of the Olson, Tabor and Schrader Land Co., reports the first tip-over of the sleighing season. In turning around in front of Cole's store on Saturday last his team acted with a little more than their accustomed alacrity and Frank found himself acting as the main support for a rather heavy sleigh body much to the amusement of the bystanders.

Women love a clear, healthy complexion. Pure blood makes it. Burdock Blood Bitters makes pure blood.

TAKEN UP—A streaked heifer, red and white, came to my place about three weeks ago. Owner please come, prove property and pay charges. John E. Mattson, Sec. 10, 46-29.

Subscribe for the Daily Dispatch.

E. L. BROWN TO BE PROMOTED.

Report that Supt. Vanderslice Would Leave The Northern Pacific is Denied by That Gentleman.

The following special from Duluth to the Pioneer Press has been denied by Supt. Vanderslice, his denial having appeared in last evening's Duluth Herald:

"It is reported in Duluth that G. W. Vanderslice, superintendent of the Lake Superior division of the Northern Pacific road, with headquarters here, may go to Chicago to accept a similar position with one of the railroads centering there. Mr. Vanderslice was in St. Paul yesterday on his way home from Chicago. It is understood that he went to the latter city to investigate the new proposition. There is more inducement in the way of salary in the Chicago position according to report."

The following is taken from the Duluth Herald of last evening:

"G. W. Vanderslice, superintendent of the Lake Superior division of the Northern Pacific, returned today from Chicago. He was somewhat surprised, he said, to hear that it had been announced in the morning paper that he was to move to Chicago soon to take up a railroad position there."

"There is absolutely no truth in the report," he said this afternoon upon his return. "I had no idea of going to Chicago, and I have no intention at present of severing my connection with the Northern Pacific railroad."

"It is reported in Duluth that E. L. Brown, who was formerly superintendent of the St. Paul & Duluth and later of the Lake Superior division of the Northern Pacific, is to be brought back from the Montana division of the Great Northern, of which he is superintendent, to be made general superintendent of the Great Northern, vice F. E. Ward, who holds that office at present. The report is that Mr. Ward is to go with the Burlington in a similar capacity."

Try "Gold Dust" Flour.

Officers Elected.

At the regular meeting of the Rathbone Sisters last night the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

M. E. C.—Mrs. Mary McFadden.
E. S.—Mrs. Lena Mahood.
E. J.—Mrs. I. U. White.
M. T.—Mrs. Rose Dubois.
M. of R. & C.—Mrs. H. E. Stinehour.

M. of F.—Mrs. Carrie Lagerquist.
P. of T.—Mrs. Arthur Lyddon.
G. O. T.—Mrs. F. Bradbury.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served. Mrs. Bruce and daughters rendered some very fine vocal and instrumental music. A solo by Mrs. Theviot and other amusements were greatly enjoyed.

Regular Meeting.

Pap Thomas Post No. 30 of this city at its regular meeting on Saturday evening next will elect officers for 1903.

All members in good standing are requested to be present.

Per order of the Commander.

GEORGE W. HEALEY,
Adjutant.

"Neglected colds make fat graveyards." Dr. Woods' Norway Pine Syrup helps men and women to a happy, vigorous old age.

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Our Prices are all Marked In Plain Figures.

The Place to buy your Groceries is at the CASH : DEPARTMENT : STORE.

OUR Patrons are all Treated the same.

THIS Proposition, to say the least, is worth Investigation.

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It is conceded by a large majority that they are the lowest. We only ask you to call and see for yourself. Here are a few samples:

\$5.00 Walking Skirts

\$3.85.

Dress Skirts

\$1.50.

Heavy Fleece Lined Underwear

45c.

10-4 Blankets

49c.

10 per cent off on all Shoes and Over-shoes this week.

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\$2.00.

1 lb Fresh Coconut

15c.

2 Cans 20c Salmon

25c.

Gallon Can Plums

25c.

Gallon Can Rhubarb

25c.

Just received a new lot of Rolston's Breakfast Food. Also my winter Can Goods. Special prices in case lots.

M. J. REILLY.

209-211 7th St. So.

Trustee's Sale of Merchandise.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as trustee of the property and effects of Simms & Co., Bemidji, Minn., will sell their stock of merchandise at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, at 10 o'clock a. m., December 12th, 1902, at the store of Simms & Co., Bemidji, Minn. The stock consists of dry goods, boots and shoes, cloaks, notions, furnishing goods, etc., of the inventory value of \$4000.00. These goods are all new and seasonable. Stock and inventory can be inspected at Bemidji, Minn., at any time.

L. W. FRENCH, Trustee,
1376 St. Paul, Minn.

Harness goods, trunks and grips at D. M. Clark & Co's.

Call at Miss Canan's and see the elegant line of pictures for the holiday trade. Open evenings. 161

Water colors, pastels, etchings, oil paintings, carbon's, platins and a host of others too numerous to mention, at Miss Canan's, open evenings.

SIX HUNDRED TEN ENTITLED TO PAY

Indian Agent Michelet Returns From Mille Lac Country This Morning.

WAS AN IMPORTANT MISSION.

He Ascertains How Many Indians Are Entitled to Money Under New Agreement.

Indian Agent Simon Michelet, of the White Earth agency, was in the city for a short time this morning between trains. He had just returned from the Mill Lac country where he went on an important mission.

It will be remembered that he and Major McLaughlin some time ago held a counsel with the Indians at Mille Lac regarding their removal to the White Earth reservation. An agreement was made with the Indians at the time that when they moved they would be allowed so much per capita for the improvements they had made on the lands in the Mille Lac country, which were formerly included in the reservation. This agreement had to be sent to Washington for the approval of the department. The department approved the agreement which was in effect that the Indians should receive \$18,500 to be divided equally among those who had improvements. Consequently Agent Michelet went there to ascertain how many Indians were entitled to share in this sum. He found that there were 610 and they will get the \$18,500 which will be divided per capita.

Our stock of clothing and shoes must be sold soon at wholesale or retail. We must have the room for other purposes, hence cost prices are not considered in this sale at Moberg's store. 6212

WOODMEN ENTERTAINMENT.

On January 15 the Modern Woodmen will Give a Concert and Ball in Gardner Hall.

The Woodmen lodge of this city is making arrangements for a big entertainment to be given in Gardner hall on the evening of January 15. State Deputy Dawson will be here and will deliver an address, and W. I. Nolan, than whom there is none better as an entertainer, has been engaged for the event. Other musical and literary numbers will be given after which there will be a grand ball. As the order has upwards of 400 members in this city it is more than likely that there will be a very large attendance.

The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year:
V. C.—James Cummin.
W. A.—D. I. Cohen.
Banker—A. L. Hoffman.
Clerk—George Abbott.
Assistant Clerk—C. A. Wilkins.
Escort—T. E. Canan.
Guard—Andrew Anderson.

Your money back if "Gold Dust" does not give entire satisfaction.

POLK-McFADDEN.

The Marriage of Mr. Franklin H. Polk and Miss Ella H. McFadden Was Solemnized Last Night.

Last night there was a very pretty home wedding at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Milton McFadden on Holly street, when their only daughter, Miss Ella Hall McFadden, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. Franklin H. Polk. There were about twenty intimate friends of the contracting parties present besides the relatives of both families. Rev. A. H. Carver read a simple marriage ceremony, the bride being given away by her father, Judge McFadden.

The parlors had been daintily decorated for the occasion, the prevailing colors being pink and green, carnations and smilax being used in profusion. The bride was unattended and was handsomely gowned in a dress of point de spirit over white taffeta, trimmed with white ribbon, and she carried in her hand a bouquet of bridal roses. Her going away gown was made of blue and white material, tailor made, and was very becoming.

After the wedding ceremony a wedding supper was served in the dining room and the table was beautifully decorated for the event, a large bouquet of carnations and roses resting on the centerpiece and here and there were drooped small clusters of smilax about the candelabra.

The bride is well known in this city and is from one of the best and most popular families in the city.

The bridegroom is also from one of the best families in the city, being a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Polk. He has not been a resident here over year and a half but during that time has made many friends. He was for years a member of the newspaper fraternity, being employed on some of the large publications in Seattle and he has also held positions on some of the Twin city papers. He was admitted to the bar some years ago and since residing in this city had been practicing law with his father in the Northern Pacific bank block.

Mr. and Mrs. Polk left on the midnight train for the west and they will spend their honeymoon on the coast. They do not expect to return to Brainerd but Mr. Polk will locate in some town in the state of Washington to practice law. The best wishes of all their Brainerd friends go with Mr. and Mrs. Polk.

"Gold Dust" flour is guaranteed to be the best brand in the market.

Manager Walker, of the Brainerd telephone exchange, announces that he will issue a new directory the first of the year and those desiring changes should notify Mr. Walker at once. 1162

Call for "Gold Dust" flour If your dealer will not supply you, we will.

Brainerd Flour & Feed Co.

Our Closing Out Sale

of our entire clothing stock is now in full swing. If you want to make money on everything you need and wear every day in the year now is your chance to get it at Moberg's store. 6212

100 boxes of western apples just received at E. C. Bane's \$1.00 a box.

\$20,000 MILL IS TO BE BUILT HERE.

Dr. J. L. Camp Wednesday Afternoon Raised The Necessary Sum for a Site.

PRINCETON PARTIES INTERESTED

Joseph Craig, Representing the Company, Satisfied Brainerd is Good Location.

Yesterday Joseph Craig, representing the Princeton Roller Mill Co., was in the city and this time called on various business men to get them interested in his proposition to come in here with a first class \$20,000 mill, elevator and warehouse. He was here some time ago to look up the matter of buying a site and to look the ground over, but nothing definite was done. This time he came with letters of introduction addressed to Dr. J. L. Camp, Hon. A. F. Ferris and others, from State Auditor Dunn. Mr. Ferris was out of the city yesterday so Dr. Camp, with his usual push and energy, took the matter up and by his efforts the proposition can now be said to be a sure go.

All the milling company wanted was for the city to buy the site. The vacant lots on the spur back of Con O'Brien's was selected. The lots are owned by Judge Holland and he asked \$1,000 for the same. Dr. Camp went out with a list yesterday afternoon and within a few hours raised the necessary amount and a site will be bought for the roller mill company at once.

EAGER TO HUNT IN ALASKA

President Roosevelt Hears Glowing Reports on Giant Moose There.

H. S. New, editor of the Indianapolis Journal, made a report at the White House the other day that set the president to walking up and down and rubbing his hands, says a Washington special dispatch to the New York World. The president had heard about Alaska as a hunting ground and had had Mr. New go up and investigate.

"That's nothing," said Mr. New as he jerked his thumb toward the big moose head in the state dining room. "You can get 'em half as big again and shoot 'em yourself. They're there by the hundred."

Then he went into details, and the president, enraptured, planned a trip to the frozen north. Mr. New got two moose, but could have shot many more. He saw 3,000 mountain sheep in one day's tramp, and the country is overrun with small game. His recital of the hardships a hunter must undergo on account of the climate and the rough country only whetted the president's desire to make the trip.

THREE PERSONS DEAD.

Fatal Result of a Dwelling Burning at Colgate, Wis.

Menominee Falls, Wis., Dec. 4.—Three persons are dead and six injured as a result of a fire at Colgate, five miles north of here, during the night. The general store, postoffice and dwelling of Max Manthey was completely destroyed. The origin of the fire is a complete mystery.

The dead are Max Manthey, Miss Hedwig Manthey, aged nine, and Edna Manthey. Colgate is filled with curious people of the surrounding country and the highest state of excitement exists.

The Grown up.

"LITTLE GROCERY'S"

NEW LIST.

Read it, if you wish to Trade at a Store which sells Groceries cheaper than any House in this section of the State.

Here They Are!

| | | | |
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| Best Granulated Sugar 20 lbs for | \$1 | Best Soda Crackers per lb. | 8c |
| Best Patent Flour per sack | 95c | Best Cream Cheese per lb. | 16c |
| Best Grade Lard per lb. | 12½c | Ginger Snaps 3 lbs for | 25c |
| Package Coffee per lb. | 10c | Bakers' Chocolate only | 16c |
| Bulk Coffee, value 20c, 7 lbs for | \$1.00 | Yeast Foam only | 4c |
| Jaxon Soap, best grade, best weight 7 bars for | 25c | Canned Fruits per can, 25c to | 10c |
| Good Grade of Rice Per lb only | 5c | Best grade dried Apples and Peaches, lb. | 10c |
| Better Grade of Rice at 10c and | 7c | Prunes per lb, 10c, 8c and | 6c |
| Raisins and Currants per package | 10c | New Orleans Molasses per gallon | 30c |
| Mince Meat per pail | 20c | Fine Table Syrup per gal | 35c |
| Clothes Pins per doz | 1c | Vinegar per gal | 25c |
| Blueing 10c bottle for | 5c | 103 Table Salt per sack | 8c |
| Spices pure, all kinds, per lb. | 25c | Short Cut Pork per lb. | 12½c |

Lingon Berries, per qt, 10c. Anchovies, 10c, 3 for 25c. Herrings, 10c, 3 for 25c. Salt Mackerel, Trout, Salmon, Bloaters and Codfish always in stock.

Holiday Goods, Nuts, Candies, Grapes, Oranges, Lemons, Figs, Dates, Cookies, etc. It pays to trade at the

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Bids Wanted

For replanking the Mississippi river wagon bridge with either three inch oak or three inch pine. Bids will be received by the county auditor up to 10 a. m., December 20th, 1902. The commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

N. M. PAINE,
Chairman.

Brainerd, Dec. 8, 1902. 160:10

M. E. Supper and Fair.

The Ladies of the M. E. church will hold their annual fair and supper tonight at Walker hall. A delicious chicken pie supper will be served and fancy and domestic articles suitable for Christmas presents will be sold. Also home-made candies and other delicacies. Ice cream will be served. Let everybody attend.

M. K. SWARTZ.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS

BOOKS.

A very complete line of Nice Books at about half the regular price. Christmas cards, Booklets, Prayer Books, Bibles, Linen Toy Books, and fancy Box Paper. You should see our line of Padded Poems before You Buy Books. It will Pay you to do so.

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We can show you an Elegant line of Burnt Lint Goods. Do not fail to see them.

A fine line of Elegant Pipes for Gentleman. Just Received.

Cigars by the Box.

Cigar Cases, etc.

JAPANESE GOODS

Consisting of Elegant fancy Basket Sandal Wood, Feathers, Silk Fans and many other Handsome things in this line also.

French and Japanese Hand Painted China, all new and Novel Patterns.

PERFUMES.

We invite you to call and see the largest Display ever shown in one line at Prices from 10c to \$10.00.

We have added a fine line of Chains, Rings, Pins, Buckles, and Fobs, on which we are making Exceptionally Low Prices.

CUT GLASS.

We are showing the Richest line of Cut Glass from the well known Libby Factory at Prices which can not be duplicated in the largest cities.

POCKET BOOKS.

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Gallon Can Rhubarb

25c.

Just received a new lot of Rolston's Breakfast Food. Also my winter Can Goods. Special prices in case lots.

M. J. REILLY.

209-211 7th St. So.

Trustee's Sale of Merchandise.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as trustee of the property and effects of Simms & Co., Bemidji, Minn., will sell their stock of merchandise at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, at 10 o'clock a. m., December 12th, 1902, at the store of Simms & Co., Bemidji, Minn. The stock consists of dry goods, boots and shoes, cloaks, notions, furnishing goods, etc., of the inventory value of \$4000.00. These goods are all new and seasonable. Stock and inventory can be inspected at Bemidji, Minn., at any time.

L. W. FRENCH, Trustee,
1376 St. Paul, Minn.

Harness goods, trunks and grips at D. M. Clark & Co's.

Call at Miss Canan's and see the elegant line of pictures for the holiday trade. Open evenings. 161

Water colors, pastels, etchings, oil paintings, carbon's, platins and a host of others too numerous to mention, at Miss Canan's, open evenings.

SIX HUNDRED TEN ENTITLED TO PAY

Indian Agent Michelet Returns
From Mille Lac Country
This Morning.

WAS AN IMPORTANT MISSION.

He Ascertains How Many Indians
Are Entitled to Money Under
New Agreement.

Indian Agent Simon Michelet, of the White Earth agency, was in the city for a short time this morning between trains. He had just returned from the Mille Lac country where he went on an important mission.

It will be remembered that he and Major McLaughlin some time ago held a counsel with the Indians at Mille Lac regarding their removal to the White Earth reservation. An agreement was made with the Indians at the time that when they moved they would be allowed so much per capita for the improvements they had made on the lands in the Mille Lac country, which were formerly included in the reservation. This agreement had to be sent to Washington for the approval of the department. The department approved the agreement which was in effect that the Indians should receive \$18,500 to be divided equally among those who had improvements. Consequently Agent Michelet went there to ascertain how many Indians were entitled to share in this sum. He found that there were 610 and they will get the \$18,500 which will be divided per capita.

Our stock of clothing and shoes must be sold soon at wholesale or retail. We must have the room for other purposes, hence cost prices are not considered in this sale at Moberg's store. 6212

WOODMEN ENTERTAINMENT.

On January 15 the Modern Woodmen will
Give a Concert and Ball in
Gardner Hall.

The Woodmen lodge of this city is making arrangements for a big entertainment to be given in Gardner hall on the evening of January 15. State Deputy Dawson will be here and will deliver an address, and W. I. Nolan, than whom there is none better as an entertainer, has been engaged for the event. Other musical and literary numbers will be given after which there will be a grand ball. As the order has upwards of 400 members in this city it is more than likely that there will be a very large attendance.

The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year:

V. C.—James Cummin.
W. A.—D. I. Cohen.
Banker—A. L. Hoffman.
Clerk—George Abbott.
Assistant Clerk—C. A. Wilkins.
Escort—T. E. Canan.
Guard—Andrew Anderson.

Your money back if "Gold Dust" does not give entire satisfaction.

POLK-McFADDEN.

The Marriage of Mr. Franklin H. Polk and Miss Ella H. McFadden Was Solemnized Last Night.

Last night there was a very pretty home wedding at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Milton McFadden on Holly street, when their only daughter, Miss Ella Hall McFadden, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. Franklin H. Polk. There were about twenty intimate friends of the contracting parties present besides the relatives of both families. Rev. A. H. Carver read a simple marriage ceremony, the bride being given away by her father, Judge McFadden.

The parlors had been daintily decorated for the occasion, the prevailing colors being pink and green, carnations and smilax being used in profusion. The bride was unattended and was handsomely gowned in a dress of point de sprit over white taffeta, trimmed with white ribbon, and she carried in her hand a bouquet of bridal roses. Her going away gown was made of blue and white material, tailor made, and was very becoming.

After the wedding ceremony a wedding supper was served in the dining room and the table was beautifully decorated for the event, a large bouquet of carnations and roses resting on the centerpiece and here and there were drooping small clusters of smilax about the candelabra.

The bride is well known in this city and is from one of the best and most popular families in the city.

The bridegroom is also from one of the best families in the city, being a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Polk. He has not been a resident here over year and a half but during that time has made many friends. He was for years a member of the newspaper fraternity, being employed on some of the large publications in Seattle and he has also held positions on some of the Twin city papers. He was admitted to the bar some years ago and since residing in this city had been practicing law with his father in the Northern Pacific bank block.

Mr. and Mrs. Polk left on the midnight train for the west and they will spend their honeymoon on the coast. They do not expect to return to Brainerd but Mr. Polk will locate in some town in the state of Washington to practice law. The best wishes of all their Brainerd friends go with Mr. and Mrs. Polk.

"Gold Dust" flour is guaranteed to be the best brand in the market.

Manager Walker, of the Brainerd telephone exchange, announces that he will issue a new directory the first of the year and those desiring changes should notify Mr. Walker at once. 1162

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If your dealer will not supply
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Brainerd Flour & Feed Co.

Our Closing Out Sale
of our entire clothing stock is now in full swing. If you want to make money on everything you need and wear every day in the year now is your chance to get it at Moberg's store. 6212

100 boxes of western apples just received at E. C. Bane's \$1.00 a box.

\$20,000 MILL IS TO BE BUILT HERE.

Dr. J. L. Camp Wednesday Afternoon Raised The Necessary
Sum for a Site.

PRINCETON PARTIES INTERESTED

Joseph Craig, Representing the
Company, Satisfied Brainerd
is Good Location.

Yesterday Joseph Craig, representing the Princeton Roller Mill Co., was in the city and this time called on various business men to get them interested in his proposition to come in here with a first class \$20,000 mill, elevator and warehouse. He was here some time ago to look up the matter of buying a site and to look the ground over, but nothing definite was done. This time he came with letters of introduction addressed to Dr. J. L. Camp, Hon. A. F. Ferris and others, from State Auditor Dunn. Mr. Ferris was out of the city yesterday so Dr. Camp, with his usual push and energy, took the matter up and by his efforts the proposition can now be said to be a sure go.

All the milling company wanted was for the city to buy the site. The vacant lots on the spur back of Con O'Brien's was selected. The lots are owned by Judge Holland and he asked \$1,000 for the same. Dr. Camp went out with a list yesterday afternoon and within a few hours raised the necessary amount and a site will be bought for the roller mill company at once.

EAGER TO HUNT IN ALASKA

President Roosevelt Hears Gladly
Reports on Giant Moose There.

H. S. New, editor of the Indianapolis Journal, made a report at the White House the other day that set the president to walking up and down and rubbing his hands, says a Washington special dispatch to the New York World. The president had heard about Alaska as a hunting ground and had had Mr. New go up and investigate.

"That's nothing," said Mr. New as he jerked his thumb toward the big moose head in the state dining room. "You can get 'em half as big again and shoot 'em yourself. They're there by the hundred."

Then he went into details, and the president, enraptured, planned a trip to the frozen north. Mr. New got two moose, but could have shot many more. He saw 3,000 mountain sheep in one day's tramp, and the country is overrun with small game. His recital of the hardships a hunter must undergo on account of the climate and the rough country only whetted the president's desire to make the trip.

THREE PERSONS DEAD.

Fatal Result of a Dwelling Burning
at Colgate, Wis.

Menominee Falls, Wis., Dec. 4.—Three persons are dead and six injured as a result of a fire at Colgate, five miles north of here, during the night. The general store, postoffice and dwelling of Max Manthey was completely destroyed. The origin of the fire is a complete mystery.

The dead are Max Manthey, Miss Hedwig Manthey, aged nine, and Edna Manthey. Colgate is filled with curious people of the surrounding country and the highest state of excitement exists.

The Grown up.

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NEW LIST.

Read it, if you wish to Trade at a Store
which sells Groceries cheaper than any
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| Best Grade Lard per lb. | 12 1/2c | Ginger Snaps 3 lbs for | 25c |
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| Bulk Coffee, value 20c, 7 lbs for | \$1.00 | Yeast Foam only | 4c |
| Jaxon Soap, best grade, best weight 7 bars for | 25c | Canned Fruits per can, 25c to | 10c |
| Good Grade of Rice Per lb only | 5c | Best grade dried Apples and Peaches, lb. | 10c |
| Better Grade of Rice at 10c and | 7c | Prunes per lb, 10c, 8c and | 6c |
| Raisins and Currants per package | 10c | New Orleans Molasses per gallon | 30c |
| Mince Meat per pail | 20c | Fine Table Syrup per gal | 35c |
| Clothes Pins per doz | 1c | Vinegar per gal | 25c |
| Blueing 10c bottle for | 5c | 10c Table Salt per sack | 8c |
| Spices pure, all kinds, per lb. | 25c | Short Cut Pork per lb. | 12 1/2c |

Lingon Berries, per qt, 10c. Anchovies, 10c, 3 for 25c. Herring, 10c, 3 for 25c. Salt Mackerel, Trout, Salmon, Bloaters and Codfish always in stock.

Holiday Goods, Nuts, Candies, Grapes, Oranges, Lemons, Figs, Dates, Cookies, etc. It pays to trade at the

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Bids Wanted

For replanking the Mississippi river wagon bridge with either three inch oak or three inch pine. Bids will be received by the county auditor up to 10 a. m., December 20th, 1902. The commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

N. M. PAINE,
Chairman.

Brainerd, Dec. 8, 1902.

M. E. Supper and Fair.

The Ladies of the M. E. church will hold their annual fair and supper tonight at Walker hall. A delicious chicken pie supper will be served and fancy and domestic articles suitable for Christmas presents will be sold. Also home-made candies and other delicacies. Ice cream will be served. Let everybody attend.

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A very complete line of Nice Books at about half the regular price. Christmas cards, Booklets, Prayer Books, Bibles, Linen Toy Books, and fancy Box Paper. You should see our line of Padded Poems before You Buy Books. It will Pay you to do so.

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We can show you an Elegant line of Burnt Lint Goods. Do not fail to see them.

A fine line of Elegant Pipes for Gentleman. Just Received.

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Consisting of Elegant fancy Basket Sandal Wood, Feathers, Silk Fans and many other Handsome things in this line also.

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We invite you to call and see the largest Display ever shown in one line at Prices from 10c to \$10.00.

We have added a fine line of Chains, Rings, Pins, Buckles, and Fobs, on which we are making Exceptionally Low Prices.

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We are showing the Richest line of Cut Glass from the well known Libby Factory at Prices which can not be duplicated in the largest cities.

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This is where we excel from 5c to \$5.00. Any Style, Make, Shape, and Kind for Ladies' and Gentlemen and Children in cut Steel, Hand carved leather, Burnt leather, fancy leather, or any thing you may want to ask for.

FINEST DISPLAY OF HOLIDAY GOODS IN THE CITY.

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Perkins," said the captain as his lieutenant joined him.

"I'm not worryin' much about him," said the skipper, "but there's a fellow jest roundin' the upper end of the island that we may have some trouble with."

Mr. Perkins looked in the direction indicated and caught sight of a thirty-two gun frigate bearing down on them rapidly.

After a prolonged look around the horizon, first at the oncoming frigate, then at the frigates and liners driving along in the green surges astern, Captain Mantor cried: "Mr. Perkins, send the men below and get up the ballast. That single decker to leeward is a faster vessel than I give them credit for havin'. We'll have to lighten ship if we get away from him after we give our friend ahead the slip."

The critical moment was fast approaching, as both vessels were going through the water at great speed. Each was converging on the other. If they held their courses, a collision was inevitable.

"You'll be into him in a minute, sir," cried the lieutenant.

"I hope he'll think so, Mr. Perkins," was the calm reply. "Steady as you go," he said to the quartermaster as that officer showed signs of uneasiness. Those on board the frigate were unable to account for the action of the brig, and the Englishman fell off a point or two. This was the moment for which Captain Mantor had been waiting. As the frigate yawed to leeward on a big wave he cried sharply to his own quartermaster, "Luff, you rascal, luff."

The brig the next instant swung up into the wind and darted across the bows of the frigate so close that the orders of the officer could be plainly heard. Then the sides of the Englishman broke forth in smoke and flame,

SPIKING A CANNON.

Amusing Story About "Uncle Joe," Candidate For Speaker.

Now that all the seats on "Uncle Joe" Cannon's band wagon, which is sometimes spoken of as the "ammunition wagon," are occupied, numberless little yarns about the prospective successor of Speaker Henderson are told with appreciation devoid of malice, says the New York Tribune's Washington correspondent. One of these was told by Representative Lacey of Iowa to a group of representatives in the cloak-room.

"The best case of spiking a cannon that I ever saw," said Mr. Lacey, "happened away back in the days when the house was Democratic and Carlisle was in the speaker's chair. Cox of New York was pushing a bill and trying to cut off debate. 'Uncle Joe' was anxious to have his word, and he appealed for a show. He declared that he wanted only a few minutes.

"Well," said Cox grimly, "will the gentleman from Illinois put his hands in his pockets?"

"'Uncle Joe' complied, wondering.

"Now," said Cox, "I will give way to the gentleman for just so long a time as he keeps his hands there."

"Off went 'Uncle Joe,' soft and mild as you please, his hands crowded into his pockets and hanging on for dear life. That lasted for three sentences, but with the fourth the right arm swung out and far aloft in frantic gesture. Bang went the speaker's gavel. 'The gentleman's time has expired!' shouted Mr. Carlisle, and 'Uncle Joe' sat down abruptly."

PEARY AND THE POLE.

Arctic Explorer Tells Why He Regards the Latter Accessible.

While Commander Peary was in New York one evening recently he gave some of his reasons for believing that it is feasible to reach the north pole by way of Smith sound and Grinnell Land.

"Hitherto," said he to a reporter of the New York Tribune, "the departure from land out upon the ice has not been undertaken earlier than April 5 or 6. At that time the sun has been above the horizon long enough to moderate the temperature greatly and soften the ice. If this stage of the undertaking was entered upon four or five weeks earlier, the ice would unquestionably be much firmer."

"How early in the year would it be practicable to make a start?"

"We must wait for daylight, but this is sufficient for our purposes at the beginning of March or even at the close of February. It is not necessary to delay until the equinox. The daylight I speak of would be the same as the morning twilight a few minutes before sunrise."

"For how long a campaign would you go prepared if you ever went again? Five years?"

"No. I think two years would be enough. If we had good luck and went properly prepared, only one winter's stay up there might be essential, but at most two ought to test the feasibility of my latest theories."

A BONANZA AUCTION.

Fancy Prices Paid For Ambassador's Household Goods.

The retiring French ambassador's household effects were sold at auction the other day, says a Washington special to the New York World. It has often been said that foreign diplomats upon leaving usually sell their goods for three times as much as they had paid for them. Chairs Mr. Cambon probably paid \$16 or \$20 for sold for \$75 and \$100, and so on. Fashionable society was represented, and men and women bid against each other with acrimony.

The Persian minister paid a high price for lace curtains. Some veteran shoppers said similar curtains can be bought now at half what General Khan paid. Well worn rugs were bought by Mrs. Albert Clifford Barney for her fine collection. The sale netted bigger prices than any held in recent years. Not even the effects of Lord Pauncefote caused such spirited bidding.

MEMENTO OF PRESIDENT.

Roosevelt's Message to Congress Buried Under White House Floor.

When, in future generations, the White House is again torn up and remodeled, a reminder of the present occupant will be found in a bed of cement under a marble slab in the center of the main hallway, says a Washington special to the New York World.

The workmen employed on the interior finishing obtained a copy of the president's message, the autographs of the president and the Roosevelt children, some new coins and newspapers and put them in a marble box in a hole dug in the cement foundation. The slab under which it lies bears the figures "1792-1902" surrounded by stars representing every state in the Union.

Latest in Breakfast Foods.

Breakfast food unknown in the modern markets, but which has been in use by the Klamath Indians since aboriginal times, has been discovered by Frederick V. Colville, botanist of the department of agriculture at Washington, who says it is more palatable and more nutritious than many of the patent foods now in common use. The food consists, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, of the prepared seeds of the "wocas," a large yellow water lily, which grows in the Klamath marsh on the Indian reservation of the same name in southern Oregon.

Novelty in Games.

A new game has a small set of nine pins on a small stand. Over it is an arched rod from which is suspended a ball. The ball is swung to knock down the small pins.

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The route takes its name from Mt. Shasta in northern California. This white, snow capped peak, at the foot of which the Shasta route winds, is 14,350 feet high. The mountain is in plain view for several hours from the train and its distance from the track varies from twelve to seventy-five miles.

The beautiful scenery of the Sacramento river at the base of Shasta, is connected with this route only. Castle Crags, Mossbrae Falls and the natural twin soda fountains at Shasta Springs are scenic gems.

The crossing of the Siskiyou range furnishes the par excellence of railway mountain scenery and observation cars are furnished there free of charge. Then in succession comes Mts. Jefferson, Hood—a beautiful mountain—St. Helens, Rainier—14,532 feet high—and Adams, all former active volcanoes and now covered with glaciers.

From Portland a steamboat ride trip up the noble Columbia river to the Cascades and Dalles enables the tourist to see a river, palisades, waterfalls and mountains far surpassing anything the Hudson can show.

An opportunity is also given to visit Tacoma, Seattle, Victoria, Vancouver and the Puget Sound region.

Then follow the cascade range and the Rockies, and best of all, a stop can be made at Yellowstone Park.

This line traverses the finest scenic region of the United States—don't forget it, and see that your return tickets home from California read around this way.

The train service between Portland and the Puget Sound country, and Duluth, Minneapolis and St. Paul via Spokane, Butte and Helena, is unsurpassed, including through trains daily, one of which is the noted "North Coast Limited."

For rates etc., address Chas. S. Fee, Gen'l. Pass'r. Agt., St. Paul Minn.

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THE FRIGATE BARELY HELD HER OWN.

the masthead of the flagship. As they were broken out they were promptly answered from the liners and frigates, and all began getting under way.

On his starboard bow a schooner mounting two guns for each one the brig carried was storming along, the first to answer the signals of the flagship.

"Man the starboard battery, Mr. Perkins," was the order. "We must wing that fellow if we're to get away."

On came the schooner, her guns run out, with crew at quarters. When the two vessels were within gunshot, there came a hail from the schooner. "Surrender, my fine fellow, or we'll blow you out of the water!"

For answer Captain Mantor let the brig fall off so her broadside would bear and roared: "Now, boys, let 'em have it!"

That a little Yankee brig would attempt to fight one of his majesty's warships in the face of the fleet was a thought that had not for a moment crossed the Englishman's mind, and the broadside was a complete surprise. In consequence the answering response from the schooner went wild, the shot doing no damage aside from cutting a few ropes. The broadside from the *Ida* had been better aimed and found its mark in the bows of the schooner, whose jibboom hung over her side, leaving her head sails in a hopeless tangle. The vessel shot up into the wind so sharply that her people had all they could do for a short time to keep clear of the shoals thenabouts.

"I reckon that fellow 'll have about all he wants to tend to for awhile, Mr.

and a storm of shot hurtled over and around the daring Yankee. But two struck the brig. One cut away her anchor at the bows, and another came aboard at the lee bow and, traversing the deck fore and aft, passed close to Captain Mantor and went over the stern, taking part of the taffrail with it.

"Not much damage for all that fuss," said Captain Mantor. "Round in the braces, Mr. Perkins, and get that ballast out lively."

Before the frigate could come about the *Ida* was well out of gunshot, slipping through the waves like a startled deer. As the ballast was got up and thrown over the side the speed of the little vessel increased, and the frigate, astern, which before had been gaining slowly on the chase, now barely held her own. Well astern the big line of battle ships came pounding through the green surges, while several war brigs and schooners stretched out on either side to prevent any doubling on the part of the Yankee.

"Overboard with some of the guns" was the next order. Four of the broadside battery were dropped. The frigate did not gain so much. "Over with the remainder of the guns, Mr. Perkins," cried the skipper after another hour.

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Captain Mantor, however, having once made up his mind, was not to be swerved from his course, and the three vessels parted, the *Rattlesnake* and *Decatur* returning to their moorings, while the *Ida* stood over to the east side of the *Idle De Re* to discharge her pilot. As soon as the pilot was over the side the dainty brig came around on her heel like a girl in a country dance and, with every sail pulling like a team of horses, headed down for the roads in order to clear the south end of the island. Her movements were now in full view of the blockading fleet, and as he bowed along Captain Mantor could see the little balls of bunting creeping to

Perkins," said the captain as his lieutenant joined him.

"I'm not worryin' much about him," said the skipper, "but there's a fellow jest roundin' the upper end of the island that we may have some trouble with."

Mr. Perkins looked in the direction indicated and caught sight of a thirty-two gun frigate bearing down on them rapidly.

After a prolonged look around the horizon, first at the oncoming frigate, then at the frigates and liners driving along in the green surges astern, Captain Mantor cried: "Mr. Perkins, send the men below and get up the ballast. That single decker to leeward is a faster vessel than I give them credit for havin'. We'll have to lighten ship if we git away from him after we give our friend ahead the slip."

The critical moment was fast approaching, as both vessels were going through the water at great speed. Each was converging on the other. If they held their courses, a collision was inevitable.

"You'll be into him in a minute, sir," cried the lieutenant.

"I hope he'll think so, Mr. Perkins," was the calm reply. "Steady as you go," he said to the quartermaster as that officer showed signs of uneasiness. Those on board the frigate were unable to account for the action of the brig, and the Englishman fell off a point or two. This was the moment for which Captain Mantor had been waiting. As the frigate yawed to leeward on a big wave he cried sharply to his own quartermaster, "Luff, you rascal, luff."

The brig the next instant swung up into the wind and darted across the bows of the frigate so close that the orders of the officer could be plainly heard. Then the sides of the Englishman broke forth in smoke and flame,



the masthead of the flagship. As they were broken out they were promptly answered from the liners and frigates, and all began getting under way.

On his starboard bow a schooner mounting two guns for each one the brig carried was storming along, the first to answer the signals of the flagship.

"Man the starboard battery, Mr. Perkins," was the order. "We must wing that fellow if we're to git away."

On came the schooner, her guns run out, with crew at quarters. When the two vessels were within gunshot, there came a hail from the schooner. "Sur-render, my fine fellow, or we'll blow you out of the water!"

For answer Captain Mantor let the brig fall off so her broadside would bear and roared, "Now, boys, let 'em have it!"

That a little Yankee brig would attempt to fight one of his majesty's warships in the face of the fleet was a thought that had not for a moment crossed the Englishman's mind, and the broadside was a complete surprise. In consequence the answering response from the schooner went wild, the shot doing no damage aside from cutting a few ropes. The broadside from the *Ida* had been better aimed and found its mark in the bows of the schooner, whose jibboom hung over her side, leaving her head sails in a hopeless tangle. The vessel shot up into the wind so sharply that her people had all they could do for a short time to keep clear of the shoals theabouts.

"I reckon that fellow 'll have about all he wants to tend to for awhile, Mr.

SPIKING A CANNON.

Amusing Story About "Uncle Joe," Candidate For Speaker.

Now that all the seats on "Uncle Joe" Cannon's band wagon, which is sometimes spoken of as the "ammunition wagon," are occupied, numberless little yarns about the prospective successor of Speaker Henderson are told with appreciation devoid of malice, says the New York Tribune's Washington correspondent. One of these was told by Representative Lacey of Iowa to a group of representatives in the cloak-room.

"The best case of spiking a cannon that I ever saw," said Mr. Lacey, "happened away back in the days when the house was Democratic and Carlisle was in the speaker's chair. Cox of New York was pushing a bill and trying to cut off debate. 'Uncle Joe' was anxious to have his word, and he appealed for a show. He declared that he wanted only a few minutes.

"Well," said Cox grimly, "will the gentleman from Illinois put his hands in his pockets?"

"'Uncle Joe' complied, wondering.

"Now," said Cox, "I will give way to the gentleman for just so long a time as he keeps his hands there."

"Off went 'Uncle Joe,' soft and mild as you please, his hands crowded into his pockets and hanging on for dear life. That lasted for three sentences, but with the fourth the right arm swung out and far aloft in frantic gesture. Bang went the speaker's gavel. 'The gentleman's time has expired,' shouted Mr. Carlisle, and 'Uncle Joe' sat down abruptly."

PEARY AND THE POLE.

Arctic Explorer Tells Why He Regards the Latter Accessible.

While Commander Peary was in New York one evening recently he gave some of his reasons for believing that it is feasible to reach the north pole by way of Smith sound and Grinnell Land.

"Hitherto," said he to a reporter of the New York Tribune, "the departure from land out upon the ice has not been undertaken earlier than April 5 or 6. At that time the sun has been above the horizon long enough to moderate the temperature greatly and soften the ice. If this stage of the undertaking was entered upon four or five weeks earlier, the ice would unquestionably be much firmer."

"How early in the year would it be practicable to make a start?"

"We must wait for daylight, but this is sufficient for our purposes at the beginning of March or even at the close of February. It is not necessary to delay until the equinox. The daylight I speak of would be the same as the morning twilight a few minutes before sunrise."

"For how long a campaign would you go prepared if you ever went again? Five years?"

"No. I think two years would be enough. If we had good luck and went properly prepared, only one winter's stay up there might be essential, but at most two ought to test the feasibility of my latest theories."

A BONANZA AUCTION.

Fancy Prices Paid For Ambassador's Household Goods.

The retiring French ambassador's household effects were sold at auction the other day, says a Washington special to the New York World. It has often been said that foreign diplomats upon leaving usually sell their goods for three times as much as they had paid for them. Chairs Mr. Cambon probably paid \$16 or \$20 for sold for \$75 and \$100, and so on. Fashionable society was represented, and men and women bid against each other with acrimony.

The Persian minister paid a high price for lace curtains. Some veteran shoppers said similar curtains can be bought now at half what General Khan paid. Well worn rugs were bought by Mrs. Albert Clifford Barney for her fine collection. The sale netted bigger prices than any held in recent years. Not even the effects of Lord Pauncefoot caused such spirited bidding.

MEMENTO OF PRESIDENT.

Roosevelt's Message to Congress Buried Under White House Floor.

When, in future generations, the White House is again torn up and remodeled, a reminder of the present occupant will be found in a bed of cement under a marble slab in the center of the main hallway, says a Washington special to the New York World.

The workmen employed on the interior finishing obtained a copy of the president's message, the autographs of the president and the Roosevelt children, some new coins and newspapers and put them in a marble box in a hole dug in the cement foundation. The slab under which it lies bears the figures "1792-1902" surrounded by stars representing every state in the Union.

Latest in Breakfast Foods.

Breakfast food unknown in the modern markets, but which has been in use by the Klamath Indians since aboriginal times, has been discovered by Frederick V. Colville, botanist of the department of agriculture at Washington, who says it is more palatable and more nutritious than many of the patent foods now in common use. The food consists, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, of the prepared seeds of the "wocas," a large yellow water lily, which grows in the Klamath marsh on the Indian reservation of the same name in southern Oregon.

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A friend of the writer, a young and vigorous Parisian, played the part of victim in the "coup de Pere Francois" on the full avenue of the Champs Elysees one night a few weeks ago, and he had his revolver in his pocket at the moment.

Walking beneath the horse chestnut trees that grace the central promenade of Paris in ease and elegance one balmy starlit night at 2 a. m., he meditated on the beauty of the scene and the complications of his situation. He had been offered a government place in Indo-China and throughout the week had been uncertain whether or not to accept it. Suddenly he came to a decision. "Paris is good enough for me!" he murmured with enthusiasm.

At this moment two hard looking citizens came walking briskly toward him from the opposite direction. One stopped and abruptly asked him: "What time is it, friend?" while the other walked on. Thus he got behind his victim while the questioner remained in front.

The Parisian backed from the questioner and reached for his revolver. At the same instant a heavy silk handkerchief was thrown over his head from behind by the second robber, who then humped his back against the victim's back and, holding the two ends of the heavy silk handkerchief in his two hands at the height of his two shoulders, gently bent himself forward.

The thing tightened on the man's neck and made his tongue stick out. The more the robber bent forward the more it pulled the other man backward, sprawling on the robber's back, back to back, inducing a quick case of spinal curvature.

Reclining on the robber's back as in a barber chair, his two feet just lifted

How a Daring Gang of Criminals Has Terrified the Capital of France

from the sidewalk, his arms waving helplessly, his tongue pointing to the north star and all the blood of his body throbbing in his cranium, he felt the other robber calmly going through his pockets. He made a convulsive clutch at the silk handkerchief to loosen it from his neck. He remembers vaguely that the villain in front of him grasped his two hands and pulled his arms out straight. Then he lost consciousness.

When he came to, he was lying in the shadow of a chestnut tree with a strained neck, but not otherwise damaged.

This latter detail makes the strong point of the "coup de Pere Francois." It is not liable to kill or even disable the victim. So the stranglers of Paris argue (and perhaps correctly) that the judges will take account of it in trials and give some years less in prison to those who thus strangle mercifully instead of crushing skulls with lead pipe or cutting holes in backs or fronts with long knives.

Of the present day practitioners, whose exploits are wrapped in considerable mystery, two indications have been developed by the Paris police:

First, it is certain that Paris by night is at the present moment full of danger to the pedestrian as to the householder. For example, one night recently fifty-one burglarious entries and fifty-four street holdups and garrotings made a record that drew editorials from half the daily papers. "Night Dangers of Paris," "The Insecurity of Paris and the Suburbs" and "Paris and the Stranglers" have become stock headlines, reappearing day after day in the press over long lists of aggressions.

Second, it is clear that their authors fall into two very different categories. These are the caught, who turn out regularly to be independent weaklings—one might almost say amateurs—and the uncaught, who are known only by their works. These, from the mysteriously neat way in which they are executed, indicate that some new master mind like that of Pere Francois has set to work directing a dozen or more well organized cliques of old fashioned stranglers.

These latter must not a moment be confounded with the burglarious and street fighting gangs of toughs who, under the name of "Apaches," have been terrifying certain streets of the capital for a year back. The true stranglers glide in the dark corners of shaded avenues, by preference in the rich section of the city. They seek not to kill, but only to rob, their victims.

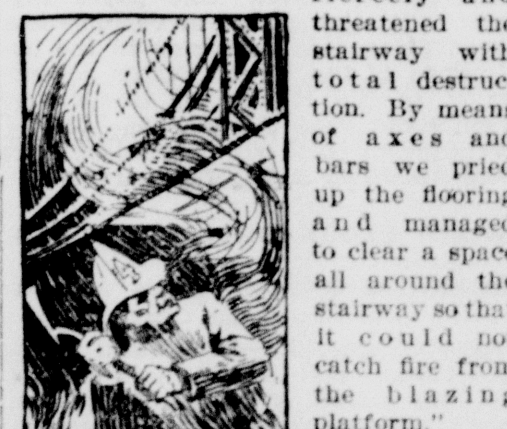
Fighting Fire Up Among the Clouds

In the official report of a deputy chief of a fire district in New York city is contained a story of heroism and devotion to duty that is almost unparalleled.

On Nov. 10 the new bridge, partially completed, the second which is to span the East river between Brooklyn and New York, was set on fire by a careless workman.

In the official report of the fire District Chief Guerin tells the story:

"We had ascended 150 feet when we came to a platform that was burning



fiercely and threatened the stairway with total destruction. By means of axes and bars we pried up the flooring and managed to clear a space all around the stairway so that it could not catch fire from the blazing platform."

After further details the report tells about the length of time Mr. Guerin remained at the top of the tower and the dangers there encountered, saying:

"At the top of the tower we found a barrel half full of water. We then took our fire hats and managed to keep the flames away from the stairway, which was our only means of escape in case the fire became unbearable. We stayed at the top of the tower until 8 o'clock the next morning, playing water on the main cables chiefly. We found that only one of the cables had been damaged seriously, and the two north cables were entirely intact."

The Kaiser and Art.

The Emperor William's creed about art is the despair of the true artists among his subjects. In the first place, he holds that all art should be patriotic; in the second place, German; third, it must be morally elevating in subject. These conditions are not easy to fulfill without destroying the artistic element, but this the emperor ignores.

Night Adventure In A Southern Swamp

Odd places, curious people and especially novel experiences have a great fascination for Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, and during her last trip to this country she found in the city of New Orleans much to interest her.

Most of her afternoons during the week's engagement in the Crescent City were spent in the quaint creole quarters. On one of her jaunts she happened to stroll into an alligator vender's establishment in a dingy thoroughfare known as Charters street.

While Mme. Bernhardt was in the alligator store gazing interestedly at the pens filled with wriggling, squirming little alligators Delyfeet, a long, lean, mud covered, sunburned "Cajun," whose whole attire consisted of a blue shirt, a pair of trousers rolled up to the knees and a palmetto hat, entered with a sack over his shoulder containing half a hundred little black creatures about twelve inches long. He had paddled his perogee (canoe) in through the bayous (canals) to the city with his week's collection of baby "gators."

The fellow's French attracted Mme. Bernhardt's attention, and she was soon in conversation with him, asking about his queer business and way of living.

Finally Delyfeet invited his new acquaintance to go with him on a chase. Mme. Bernhardt eagerly accepted, and a few evenings later, clad in a regular hunting suit, with a short skirt and high boots, she and three of her friends boarded the little electric train for the summer resort of West End, on Lake Pontchartrain.

Arrived at a known haunt of the alligators in a dark creek fringed with tall reeds, pine torches were lit in the canoes and a search begun at the water's edge for "gator" holes. In a few minutes a bunch of three was found.

Mme. Bernhardt was particularly anxious to capture an alligator for herself, and so, under the guidance of the hunter, she laid a noose of stout rope about one of the holes.

One of the hunters gave a low, weird snort which sounded as if faroff in the distance. In the stillness of the night and amid those dreary wastes it sounded most eerie. In a few moments there was another cry as if nearer, then another, and the noise was repeated until at last there came a violent roar, ending in a spluttering among the weeds at the water's edge exactly as though a huge reptile had just landed from a long swim. It was a most clever piece of mimicry.

Mme. Bernhardt, who had hold of her rope, ready to give the jerk when the creature should pass into the noose, was suddenly apprised of the fact that the critical moment had come.

There was a slight jerk on her rope. She turned quickly and saw a monster alligator crawling out of the hole. Instantly she jerked the rope, tightening the loop about the creature's middle.

The huge saurian roared with rage and tore furiously around the tree to which he found himself tied. He trav-



MME. BERNHARDT JERKED THE NOOSE TIGHT.

eled faster than any of the party, although they fled helter skelter in all directions. The visitors had just time to get out of the way as the creature swept past them, his tail swinging from side to side dangerously and his great jaws snapping viciously.

The alligator could have bitten the rope in two with one snap of his jaws, but he hadn't sense enough for that.

Presently the strain began to tell, his wild rushes slackened, and soon he lay almost exhausted.

A heavy pine board was now laid near him. He was tangled up as much as possible in the rope, and when all danger from his jaws and tail was past he was bound securely to the plank, and the noose around his body was cut. The plank and its burden were carried to one of the boats, and the other animal being similarly secured, the party started homeward.

Mme. Bernhardt's alligator proved to be a ten footer and weighed 275 pounds. The hunter got \$1.25 a foot for the prize, or \$11.50 for the big animal.

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A MOUNTAIN GIRL'S LOVE

(Original.)

A girl stood before a cabin door in the Cumberland mountains. Down the path there was the sound of a horse's hoofs slowly coming up, and presently a horseman made his appearance. He was a handsome young fellow, with a jaunty air and a pleasant smile. It is astonishing how suddenly one of those simple country girls will lose her heart to a man such as she has not been accustomed to. Sarah Ridgeley looked upon the graceful figure and the resolute features, lighted by the sunshine of a smile, and surrendered.

"Can you give me a bite?" he asked.

"Sartin."

The stranger dismounted, tied his horse to a sapling and kept up a continued chatting with the girl while she busied herself at preparing a meal. When it was ready, he sat down to it, and she stood by to wait on him, watching him with her soft brown eyes.

"They say Warfield, the outlaw, has been making a considerable stir about here lately," said the man.

"Reckon."

"Did you ever see him?"

"No."

"He's a bad one and no mistake."

"Reckon he never had no mother to tend to his bringin' up."

"What?"

The girl repeated what she had said, and her quick eye told her that her words had affected him. He finished his meal and, rising from the table, went outside.

"The moon is full tonight," he said.

"Would you be afraid to go over to Taggart's rock about 9 o'clock?"

"What for?"

"I'd like to meet you there."

"Yo' kin come hyar. The fam'ly 'll be hyar."

"I don't care to meet the family. Goodby. Hope I'll see you again some day." And he rode away.

When Sarah's father came home, he brought a man with him, and later on several more men came. She heard them talking about Warfield, the outlaw, and soon learned that they were out to capture him. She was obliged to cook the men a supper, after which they bivouacked near the cabin. Sarah did her work mechanically, her mind being on the handsome stranger, and when the dishes were washed and put away she strolled out into the moonlight by herself. Involuntarily her steps led her toward Taggart's rock. She regretted that she had declined to meet the stranger there. It was the proper course for her to take, but she was not strong enough to be satisfied with her denial. Permitting herself to wander on, she at last came to the rock and seated herself on it. Below was the valley, lighted by the soft rays of the moon, but she did not see it. She remembered the smile that had been left in her heart. Then she heard a step and a voice:

"I knew you would come."

"I told yo' I wouldn't," she said.

"And I told myself you would."

"I come away to git shut of a lot of men there was at home. They're lookin' fo' Warfield. They say they'll ketch him sho'."

"If they can."

STORIES OF NAST.

Interesting Recollections of the Famous Cartoonist.

Prophetic as in the old days when his pencil heralded the downfall of Boss Tweed and his henchmen was the cartoon of himself that the late Thomas Nast, famous artist and caricaturist, sent to the New York Herald on May 17, shortly before his departure for Ecuador to assume the duties of the post to which he had just been appointed.

Mr. Nast pictured himself as arriving on the redhot line of the equator, greeted by the yellow jack. The scourge of the tropics assumed the form of a skeleton jack-in-the-box, and on the box was written, "Yellow jack will dead-head you." An alligator, a boa constrictor and a volcanic eruption welcomed him in the background.

"Goodby, I'm off," were the words the cartoonist had written on a letter-head of the Players club.

Mr. Nast sailed from New York on July 1, and as he leaned over the rail of the Orizaba he cried to the friends who were seeing him off:

"The United States, which I represent, loves peace. So do I. I would not be much surprised if we had plenty of peace after my arrival in Guayaquil."

Mr. Nast waved a little American flag handkerchief until the soft, sal smoke from a passing tug blotted him from view.

Thomas Nast's name is almost inseparable from that of Tweed and his ring, to whose overthrow his historic pencil contributed so much. Mr. Nast represented, in the concrete and by the weapon of satire, the public opinion which was aroused against the politician. It was often said that Mr. Nast's pencil was the only thing of which Tweed stood in fear. When Mr. Nast's picture, a group of vultures waiting for the storm to blow over, with the caption "Let Us Prey," came out, a cartoon which was condensed eloquence itself, the old politician emitted the cry which has gone down in the municipal history of this city:

"Can't you stop those pictures? I don't care what they write about me, but those infernal pictures hurt!"

Another of Mr. Nast's famous cartoons represented Tweed as a money bag. With a few strokes of his pencil he converted a representation of a bag of gold into a caricature of Tweed's face.

To the satiric pencil of Thomas Nast the political and national movements of the past thirty years owe a debt acknowledged more freely by no one than by President Roosevelt, who, when police commissioner of New York, was reported to have told the veteran caricaturist, "Mr. Nast, I learned politics from your cartoons."

Weather Map Hog Killing Guide.

"I kill my hogs from the capitol," said a southern statesman in the lobby of the house the other day, according to the Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Press, "and I have just telegraphed an order to my foreman to commence the slaughter. This guides my action," he said as he pointed to the weather map which has been erected by the weather bureau in the representatives' lobby back of the hall of the house. "I see by the map that it is freezing in Texas, and hog killing time is at hand."

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New Buses For Old Lunnos.

A large number of motor omnibuses of a new type will soon be upon London streets. They are being built near Edinburgh for a London syndicate and will have a maximum speed of fourteen miles an hour. They will be fitted with two powerful brakes and will be upholstered in red leather. Large windows will be used, which may be removed in hot weather. When empty, the vehicle weighs 3,200 pounds. It will form a pleasing contrast in elegance and comfort to the present horse bus.

Look Out For 1,000 Foot Steamers.

A. W. Robinson in the Engineering Magazine says that vessels of 1,000 feet in length and 40 feet or more draft will have to be reckoned with before very long, and only those seaports which have prepared themselves for such visitors will be able to reap the advantages of the commerce which such ships will bring.

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"You could not do it in Paris without risking your life each night you walked home late," answered his French friends.

They particularized.

"None of us would dare go on foot from Grenelle to Montrouge, for example, after 10 p. m. unless we were disguised in laborers' clothes."

Evendale left the cafe. The next morning his companions were horrified to read that his body had been found in



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The courageous Englishman had obviously put the assertions of his French friends to the test. He went seeking danger in a workingman's section extending from the southern center of Paris to the limits of the city proper, but he might have readily found it nearer his cafe. To get killed the essential thing was that he should have struggled. He struggled. Then the stranglers pulled the strangling foulard, or, as it proved in this case, a leather thong, so much the harder.

Paris is the one great city of the civilized world in which allusions like that to the "coup de Pere Francois" (the stroke or feat of Father Francis, or, as might be said, the graft of Uncle Frank) is joked about and understood of the whole population.

A friend of the writer, a young and vigorous Parisian, played the part of victim in the "coup de Pere Francois" on the full avenue of the Champs Elysees one night a few weeks ago, and he had his revolver in his pocket at the moment.

Walking beneath the horse chestnut trees that grace the central promenade of Paris in ease and elegance one balmy starlit night at 2 a. m., he meditated on the beauty of the scene and the complications of his situation. He had been offered a government place in Indo-China and throughout the week had been uncertain whether or not to accept it. Suddenly he came to a decision. "Paris is good enough for me!" he murmured with enthusiasm.

At this moment two hard looking citizens came walking briskly toward him from the opposite direction. One stopped and abruptly asked him:

"What time is it, friend?" while the other walked on. Thus he got behind his victim while the questioner remained in front.

The Parisian backed from the questioner and reached for his revolver. At the same instant a heavy silk handkerchief was thrown over his head from behind by the second robber, who then humped his back against the victim's back and, holding the two ends of the heavy silk handkerchief in his two hands at the height of his two shoulders, gently bent himself forward.

The thing tightened on the man's neck and made his tongue stick out. The more the robber bent forward the more it pulled the other man backward, sprawling on the robber's back, back to back, inducing a quick case of spinal curvature.

Reclining on the robber's back as in a barber chair, his two feet just lifted

How a Daring Gang of Criminals Has Terrified the Capital of France

from the sidewalk, his arms waving helplessly, his tongue pointing to the north star and all the blood of his body throbbing in his cranium, he felt the other robber calmly going through his pockets. He made a convulsive clutch at the silk handkerchief to loosen it from his neck. He remembers vaguely that the villain in front of him grasped his two hands and pulled his arms out straight. Then he lost consciousness.

When he came to, he was lying in the shadow of a chestnut tree with a strained neck, but not otherwise damaged.

This latter detail makes the strong point of the "coup de Pere Francois." It is not liable to kill or even disable the victim. So the stranglers of Paris argue (and perhaps correctly) that the judges will take account of it in trials and give some years less in prison to those who thus strangle mercifully instead of crushing skulls with lead pipe or cutting holes in backs or fronts with long knives.

Of the present day practitioners, whose exploits are wrapped in considerable mystery, two indications have been developed by the Paris police:

First, it is certain that Paris by night is at the present moment full of danger to the pedestrian as to the householder. For example, one night recently fifty-one burglaries and fifty-four street holdups and garrottings made a record that drew editorials from half the daily papers. "Night Dangers of Paris," "The Insecurity of Paris and the Suburbs" and "Paris and the Stranglers" have become stock headlines, reappearing day after day in the press over long lists of aggressions.

Second, it is clear that their authors fall into two very different categories. These are the caught, who turn out regularly to be independent weaklings—one might almost say amateurs—and the uncaught, who are known only by their works. These, from the mysteriously neat way in which they are executed, indicate that some new master mind like that of Pere Francois has set to work directing a dozen or more well organized cliques of old fashioned stranglers.

These latter must not be moment be confounded with the burglars and street fighting gangs of toughs who, under the name of "Apaches," have been terrifying certain streets of the capital for a year back. The true stranglers glide in the dark corners of shaded avenues, by preference in the rich section of the city. They seek not to kill, but only to rob, their victims.

Fighting Fire Up Among the Clouds

In the official report of a deputy chief of a fire district in New York city is contained a story of heroism and devotion to duty that is almost unparalleled.

On Nov. 10 the new bridge, partially completed, the second which is to span the East river between Brooklyn and New York, was set on fire by a careless workman.

In the official report of the fire District Chief Guerin tells the story:

"We had ascended 150 feet when we came to a platform that was burning fiercely and threatened the stairway with total destruction. By means of axes and bars we pried up the flooring and managed to clear a space all around the stairway so that it could not catch fire from the blazing platform."

After further details the report tells about the length of time Mr. Guerin remained at the top of the tower and the dangers there encountered, saying:

"At the top of the tower we found a barrel half full of water. We then took our fire hats and managed to keep the flames away from the stairway, which was our only means of escape in case the fire became unbearable. We stayed at the top of the tower until 8 o'clock the next morning, playing water on the main cables chiefly. We found that only one of the cables had been damaged seriously, and the two north cables were entirely intact."

The Kaiser and Art.

The Emperor William's creed about art is the despair of the true artists among his subjects. In the first place, he holds that all art should be patriotic; in the second place, German; third, it must be morally elevating in subject. These conditions are not easy to fulfill without destroying the artistic element, but this the emperor ignores.

Night Adventure In A Southern Swamp

Odd places, curious people and especially novel experiences have a great fascination for Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, and during her last trip to this country she found in the city of New Orleans much to interest her.

Most of her afternoons during the week's engagement in the Crescent City were spent in the quaint creole quarters. On one of her jaunts she happened to stroll into an alligator vender's establishment in a dingy thoroughfare known as Charters street.

While Mme. Bernhardt was in the alligator store gazing interestedly at the pens filled with wriggling, squirming little alligators Delyfeet, a long, lean, mud covered, sunburned "Cajun," whose whole attire consisted of a blue shirt, a pair of trousers rolled up to the knees and a palmetto hat, entered with a sack over his shoulder containing half a hundred little black creatures about twelve inches long. He had paddled his perogue (canoe) in through the bayous (cannals) to the city with his week's collection of baby "gators."

The fellow's French attracted Mme. Bernhardt's attention, and she was soon in conversation with him, asking about his queer business and way of living.

Finally Delyfeet invited his new acquaintance to go with him on a chase. Mme. Bernhardt eagerly accepted, and a few evenings later, clad in a regular hunting suit, with a short skirt and high boots, she and three of her friends boarded the little electric train for the summer resort of West End, on Lake Pontchartrain.

Arrived at a known haunt of the alligators in a dark creek fringed with tall reeds, pine torches were lit in the canoes and a search begun at the water's edge for "gator" holes. In a few minutes a bunch of three was found.

Mme. Bernhardt was particularly anxious to capture an alligator for herself, and so, under the guidance of the hunter, she laid a noose of stout rope about one of the holes.

One of the hunters gave a low, weird snort which sounded as if far off in the distance. In the stillness of the night and amid those dreary wastes it sounded most eerie. In a few moments there was another cry as if nearer, then another, and the noise was repeated until at last there came a violent roar, ending in a spluttering among the weeds at the water's edge exactly as though a huge reptile had just landed from a long swim. It was a most clever piece of mimicry.

Mme. Bernhardt, who had hold of her rope, ready to give the jerk when the creature should pass into the noose, was suddenly apprised of the fact that the critical moment had come.

There was a slight jerk on her rope. She turned quickly and saw a monster alligator crawling out of the hole. Instantly she jerked the rope, tightening the loop about the creature's middle.

The huge saurian roared with rage and tore furiously around the tree to which he found himself tied. He trav-



MME. BERNHARDT JERKED THE NOOSE TIGHT.

eled faster than any of the party, although they fled helter skelter in all directions. The visitors had just time to get out of the way as the creature swept past them, his tail swinging from side to side dangerously and his great jaws snapping viciously.

The alligator could have bitten the rope in two with one snap of his jaws, but he hadn't sense enough for that.

Presently the strain began to tell, his wild rushes slackened, and soon he lay almost exhausted.

A heavy pine board was now laid near him. He was tangled up as much as possible in the rope, and when all danger from his jaws and tail was past he was bound securely to the plank, and the noose around his body was cut.

The plank and its burden were carried to one of the boats, and the other animal being similarly secured, the party started homeward.

Mme. Bernhardt's alligator proved to be a ten footer and weighed 275 pounds. The hunter got \$1.25 a foot for the prize, or \$11.50 for the big animal.

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A MOUNTAIN GIRL'S LOVE

(Original)

A girl stood before a cabin door in the Cumberland mountains. Down the path there was the sound of a horse's hoofs slowly coming up, and presently a horseman made his appearance. He was a handsome young fellow, with a jaunty air and a pleasant smile. It is astonishing how suddenly one of those simple country girls will lose her heart to a man such as she has not been accustomed to. Sarah Ridgeley looked upon the graceful figure and the resolute features, lighted by the sunshine of a smile, and surrendered.

"Can you give me a bite?" he asked. "Sartin."

The stranger dismounted, tied his horse to a sapling and kept up a continued chatting with the girl while she busied herself at preparing a meal. When it was ready, he sat down to it, and she stood by to wait on him, watching him with her soft brown eyes.

"They say Warfield, the outlaw, has been making a considerable stir about here lately," said the man.

"Reckon."

"Did you ever see him?"

"No."

"He's a bad one and no mistake."

"Reckon he never had no mother to 'tend to his bringin' up."

"What?"

The girl repeated what she had said, and her quick eye told her that her words had affected him. He finished his meal and, rising from the table, went outside.

"The moon is full tonight," he said. "Would you be afraid to go over to Taggart's rock about 9 o'clock?"

"What for?"

"I'd like to meet you there."

"Yo' kin come hyar. The fam'ly 'll be hyar."

"I don't care to meet the family. Goodby. Hope I'll see you again some day." And he rode away.

When Sarah's father came home, he brought a man with him, and later on several more men came. She heard them talking about Warfield, the outlaw, and soon learned that they were out to capture him. She was obliged to cook the men a supper, after which they bivouacked near the cabin. Sarah did her work mechanically, her mind being on the handsome stranger, and when the dishes were washed and put away she strolled out into the moonlight by herself. Involuntarily her steps led her toward Taggart's rock. She regretted that she had declined to meet the stranger there. It was the proper course for her to take, but she was not strong enough to be satisfied with her denial. Permitting herself to wander on, she at last came to the rock and seated herself on it. Below was the valley, lighted by the soft rays of the moon, but she did not see it. She remembered the smile that had been left in her heart. Then she heard a step and a voice:

"I knew you would come."

"I told yo' I wouldn't," she said.

"And I told myself you would."

"I come away to git shut of a lot of men there was at home. They're lookin' fo' Warfield. They say they'll ketch him sho."

"If they can."

The stranger took her by the hand and drew her down to a seat upon the rock. They sat there side by side for an hour, and his conquest was complete. Taking out a pocketknife, he said to her:

"Give this to the men who are hunting for Warfield. It will give them a clew as to his whereabouts."

"Is that really so?"

"Yes."

"When 'll I see yo' ag'in?"

"Leave that to me."

When Sarah gave the knife to one of the men who had come home with her father, he took it into the light.

"Where did you get this?" he asked suddenly.

"I met a man who tole me to give it to yo'."

He held the knife up before her, and she saw carved in rude letters on the handle "Warfield."

In a moment the horses were saddled and the men were off. They spent a week night and day looking for the outlaw, but did not find him.

It was exactly a year to the day after the stranger had appeared at the Ridgeley cabin. The moon, as before, was about at the full. Sarah, who had for twelve months condemned herself for loving an outlaw, weakened so far as to go to Taggart's rock on the anniversary of their meeting there. Within her was a strange fear, a strange hope that he would come.

Suddenly she felt an arm around her waist, and a voice near her ear whispered:

"Sweetheart!"

Putting her hands to her face, she burst into a passion of tears.

"I have come to say goodby forever," said the outlaw. "Since I met you I have worked honestly and have saved a little money to take me to the other side of the world."

"What made yo' an outlaw?" she sobbed.

"An unconquerable desire for a life of adventure."

"What made yo' change?"

"Your love and your unconscious reference to my mother."

"Air yo' sho yo're goin' to be honest?"

"As long as I remember you, and I shall never forget you."

"Whar yo' goin' to?"

"Alaska."

"When yo' goin'?"

"Tomorrow morning."

She threw herself into his arms. "Tiz t'goin' with yo'."

DOROTHY GRAHAM FAIR.

New Buses For Old Lunnion.

A large number of motor omnibuses of a new type will soon be upon London streets. They are being built near Edinburgh for a London syndicate and will have a maximum speed of fourteen miles an hour. They will be fitted with two powerful brakes and will be upholstered in red leather. Large windows will be used, which may be removed in hot weather. When empty, the vehicle weighs 3,200 pounds. It will form a pleasing contrast in elegance and comfort to the present horse bus.

Look Out For 1,000 Foot Steamers.

A. W. Robinson in the Engineering Magazine says that vessels of 1,000 feet in length and 40 feet or more draft will have to be reckoned with before very long, and only those sea-ports which have prepared themselves for such visitors will be able to reap the advantages of the commerce which such ships will bring.

STORIES OF NAST.

Interesting Recollections of the Famous Cartoonist.

Prophetic as in the old days when his pencil heralded the downfall of Boss Tweed and his henchmen was the cartoon of himself that the late Thomas Nast, famous artist and caricaturist, sent to the New York Herald on May 17, shortly before his departure for Ecuador to assume the duties of the post to which he had just been appointed.

Mr. Nast pictured himself as arriving on the red hot line of the equator, greeted by the yellow jack. The scourge of the tropics assumed the form of a skeleton jack-in-the-box, and on the box was written, "Yellow Jack will dead-head you." An alligator, a boa constrictor and a volcanic eruption welcomed him in the background.

"Goodby, I'm off," were the words the cartoonist had written on a letter-head of the Players club.

Mr. Nast sailed from New York on July 1, and as he leaned over the rail of the Orizaba he cried to the friends who were seeing him off:

"The United States, which I represent, loves peace. So do I. I would not be much surprised if we had plenty of peace after my arrival in Guayaquil."

Mr. Nast waved a little American flag handkerchief until the soft smoke from a passing tug blotted him from view.

Thomas Nast's name is almost inseparable from that of Tweed and his ring, to whose overthrow his historic pencil contributed so much. Mr. Nast represented, in the concrete and by the weapon of satire, the public opinion which was aroused against the politician. It was often said that Mr. Nast's pencil was the only thing of which Tweed stood in fear. When Mr. Nast's picture, a group of vultures waiting for the storm to blow over, with the caption "Let Us Prey," came out, a cartoon which was condensed eloquence itself, the old politician emitted the cry which has gone down in the municipal history of this city:

"Can't you stop those pictures? I don't care what they write about me, but those infernal pictures hurt!"

Another of Mr. Nast's famous cartoons represented Tweed as a money bag. With a few strokes of his pencil he converted a representation of a bag of gold into a caricature of Tweed's face.

To the satiric pencil of Thomas Nast the political and national movements of the past thirty years owe a debt acknowledged more freely by no one than by President Roosevelt, who, when police commissioner of New York, was reported to have told the veteran caricaturist, "Mr. Nast, I learned politics from your cartoons."

Weather Map Hog Killing Guide.

"I kill my hogs from the capitol," said a southern statesman in the lobby of the house the other day, according to the Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Press, "and I have just telegraphed an order to my foreman to commence the slaughter. This guides my action," he said as he pointed to the weather map which has been erected by the weather bureau in the representatives' lobby back of the hall of the house. "I see by the map that it is freezing in Texas, and hog killing time is at hand."

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OVER SIXTY LIVES LOST.

High Spring Tides Sink Forty Junk on the Yangtze River.
Victoria, B. C., Dec. 11.—According to mail advices received from the Orient by the steamer Empress of India, the high spring tides on the Yangtze River caused the sinking of forty junks on Nov. 17, and the loss of over sixty lives. The officers of a foreign warship counted twenty-two bodies floating past during one watch.

WATCHING FOR MAYOR AMES.

Boston Police on the Lookout for the Minneapolis Fugitive.
Boston, Dec. 11.—The Boston police are on the watch for ex-Mayor Ames of Minneapolis, who is wanted in that city on the charge of having accepted a bribe. The officers believe that Ames became suspicious and did not come to Boston, as he was supposed to do, when his departure from Louisville, Ky., was learned. Trunks bearing check numbers corresponding to those named by the Louisville police are here.

Lumber Manufacturers Organize.
St. Louis, Dec. 11.—The National Lumber Manufacturers' association was formed here during the day and the body adjourned to hold the next meeting April 20, 1903, in Washington. Seventy or more delegates, representing the lumber makers of the United States, were in attendance and perfected the organization for their mutual interest and protection.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Minneapolis Wheat.
Minneapolis, Dec. 10.—Wheat—Dec. 73½c; May, 74½c; 74½c. On Track—No. 1 hard, 74½c; No. 1 Northern, 74½c; No. 2 Northern, 73½c.
Sioux City Live Stock.
Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 10.—Cattle—Beef, \$3.75@5.50; cows, butts and mixed, \$1.50@4.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.50@4.25; calves and yearlings, \$2.50@4.00. Hogs—\$5.50@6.25.

St. Paul Union Stock Yards.
St. Paul, Dec. 10.—Cattle—Choice butcher steers, \$5.00@6.00; choice butcher cows and heifers, \$3.25@4.00; good to choice veals, \$2.00@5.00. Hogs—\$5.75@6.10. Sheep—Good to choice, \$3.15@3.50; lambs, \$4.00@5.00.

Duluth Wheat and Flax.
Duluth, Dec. 10.—Wheat—Cash, No. 1 hard, 73½c; No. 1 Northern, 72½c; No. 2 Northern, 70½c; No. 3 spring, 67½c. To Arrive—No. 1 hard, 73½c; No. 1 Northern and Dec., 72½c; May, 72½c; July, 75½c. Flax—Cash, \$1.18½.

Chicago Union Stock Yards.
Chicago, Dec. 10.—Cattle—Good to prime steers, \$5.65@6.75; poor to medium, \$3.00@5.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.00@4.50; cows and heifers, \$1.25@4.75; Texas steers, \$3.00@5.25. Hogs—Mixed and butchers, \$5.85@6.30; good to choice heavy, \$6.25@6.55; rough heavy, \$5.90@6.25; light, \$5.65@6.10; bulk of sales, \$6.00@6.25. Sheep—Good to choice, \$3.80@4.25; lambs, \$3.50@5.50.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.
Chicago, Dec. 10.—Wheat—Dec., 75½c; May, 76½c; 77c; July, 74c; 74½c. Corn—Dec., 54½c; Jan., 48½c; May, 44½c; 44½c; July, 43½c. Oats—Dec., 31½c; May, 33½c. Pork—Jan., \$16.92½; May, \$15.67½. Flax—Cash, Northwestern, \$1.23; Southwestern, \$1.14; Dec., \$1.14; May, \$1.20@1.22. Butter—Creameries, 18¢@20¢; dairies, 17¢@25¢. Eggs—25¢. Poultry—Turkeys, 13¢@16¢; chickens, 9¢@11¢.

LANDING MARINES

GERMAN AND BRITISH WARSHIPS SEIZE THE VENEZUELAN PORT OF LA GUIRA.

APPEALS TO THE PEOPLE

PRESIDENT CASTRO URGES CITIZENS TO TAKE UP ARMS AND FIGHT INVADERS.

SINKS CAPTURED VESSELS

FLEET OF THE ALLIED POWERS DESTROYS ALL BUT ONE OF VENEZUELA'S SHIPS.

La Guaira, Dec. 11.—The combined Anglo-German fleet is entering this harbor and the first vessels are not 300 feet from the custom house. The landing of marines has begun.

APPEALS TO THE PEOPLE

Castro Urges Venezuelans to Fight Great Britain and Germany.

Paris, Dec. 11.—A Venezuelan government communication to its representative here protests that Great Britain and Germany, acting in concert, have committed an act of hostility in a manner as arbitrary as it is unprecedented by the seizure of Venezuelan vessels lying at La Guaira. The communication says the indignation in Venezuela is at its highest pitch and the government is resorting to justifiable reprisals. It has arrested the resident subjects of both hostile countries and has seized the railways and other undertakings belonging to them. At the same time, adds the communication, President Castro has appealed to the Venezuelan people to take up arms. He has decreed a general amnesty for all political offenses and has ordered the restitution of the confiscated property of Venezuelan citizens.

ONLY ONE VESSEL SAVED.

Anglo-German Fleet Sinks the Venezuelan Warships.

La Guaira, Venezuela, Dec. 11.—Ten German and four British cutters captured the Venezuelan fleet Tuesday. They went alongside the Venezuelan vessels and ordered them to surrender, and without a shot being fired the British and German forces seized the fleet in the name of the German emperor and the king of England. Two of the vessels, which were undergoing repairs, were broken up. The German cruiser Panther steamed into the harbor during these proceedings with her decks cleared for action. The Venezuelan steamers were taken outside the harbor and at 2 o'clock a. m. the General Crespo, Tutmo and Margarita were sunk. The Ossum was the only vessel spared in view of the protest made by the French charge d'affaires, H. Quievreux, who notified the commodore of the allied fleet that the Ossum is the property of a Frenchman.

Troops are expected here from Caracas, as the government is credited with the intention of repulsing any landing by the allied forces.

All the stores and banks are closed. Great excitement prevails as the population fears that the town may be shelled or other action taken by the Anglo-German vessels.

RUMORS OF AN ULTIMATUM.

Venezuela Given Forty-eight Hours to Accede to Demands.

Caracas, Dec. 11.—It is said on good authority that the captain of the British cruiser Retribution during the afternoon sent a special courier from La Guaira to Caracas with an ultimatum for compliance with the note deposited Tuesday by the British and German ministers at the home of the foreign minister before their departure from Caracas. It is said the ultimatum gives the maximum of forty-eight hours in which Venezuela is to accede. The note, it is said, requests the immediate cash payment of \$34,000 each to Great Britain and Germany and for the settlement of claims arising from past revolutions by a mixed tribunal, the same as the last agreement made with France.

GUNBOAT BOLIVAR TAKEN.

British Cruiser Seizes Her at Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 11.—The British cruiser Charybdis seized the Venezuelan gunboat Bolivar in this harbor during the night. She landed the Bolivar's officers here while the British sloop Alert took the crew of the captured gunboat to the port of Guirira, situated on the Venezuelan coast opposite to the island of Trinidad.

The British torpedo boat destroyer Quail has sailed with the instructions to capture the Venezuelan war vessel now engaged in blockading the mouth of the Orinoco.

IS WITHOUT PRECEDENT.

Arrest of British and German Subjects at Caracas.

Washington, Dec. 11.—It was said at the British and German embassies during the day that the action of President Castro in ordering the arrest of all subjects of the British and German governments in Caracas was without precedent in the history of civilized countries, supposedly at peace with each other, and that such action would be regarded as sufficient ground for a declaration of war.

Members of the diplomatic corps here indeed regard it as being such a declaration in itself.

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WASHINGTON INTERPRETATION.

United States Minister Bowen Secured Release of Prisoners.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The state department has been advised that "a peaceful blockade" exists at La Guaira, which is the port of Caracas, the capital of Venezuela. The difference between this state and a state of war is not very strongly marked, except in the opportunity afforded by the peaceful blockade to effect a settlement without recourse to actual bloodshed. The situation here is regarded as critical.

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ONLY ONE VESSEL SAVED.

Anglo-German Fleet Sinks the Venezuelan Warships.

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Troops are expected here from Caracas, as the government is credited with the intention of repulsing any landing by the allied forces. All the stores and banks are closed. Great excitement prevails as the population fears that the town may be shelled or other action taken by the Anglo-German vessels.

RUMORS OF AN ULTIMATUM.

Venezuela Given Forty-eight Hours to Accede to Demands.

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GUNBOAT BOLIVAR TAKEN.

British Cruiser Seizes Her at Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 11.—The British cruiser Charybdis seized the Venezuelan gunboat Bolivar in this harbor during the night. She landed the Bolivar's officers here while the British sloop Alert took the crew of the captured gunboat to the port of Guirra, situated on the Venezuelan coast opposite to the island of Trinidad.

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WATCHING FOR MAYOR AMES.

Boston Police on the Lookout for the Minneapolis Fugitive.

Boston, Dec. 11.—The Boston police are on the watch for ex-Mayor Ames, of Minneapolis, who is wanted in that city on the charge of having accepted a bribe. The officers believe that Ames became suspicious and did not come to Boston, as he was supposed to do, when his departure from Louisville, Ky., was learned. Trunks bearing check numbers corresponding to those named by the Louisville police are here.

Lumber Manufacturers Organize.

St. Louis, Dec. 11.—The National Lumber Manufacturers' association was formed here during the day and the body adjourned to hold the next meeting April 20, 1903, in Washington. Seventy or more delegates, representing the lumber makers of the United States, were in attendance and perfected the organization for their mutual interest and protection.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Minneapolis Wheat.
Minneapolis, Dec. 10.—Wheat—Dec., 73½c; May, 74½c; 74½c. On Track—No. 1 hard, 74½c; No. 1 Northern, 74½c; No. 2 Northern, 73½c.

Sioux City Live Stock.
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